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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Before The Honorable William H. Orrick, Judge

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	
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Plaintiff,	)	
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VS.	)	NO. CR 15-582 WHO
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Adam Shafi,	)	
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Defendant.	)	
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(The following proceedings were held in open court, outside the presence of the jury:)

**THE COURT:** All right. We got the proposed final jury instructions. Did you have any conversations with the government after that? Is there anything that --

**MR. FAKHOURY:** I don't believe so, Your Honor. So I haven't had a conversation. I don't think there's anything really to discuss. I think we've laid out our views on the instructions. I did look through what was filed on ECF. I think it matches what we discussed in court. So obviously we maintain our objections, but we don't have any issue that what was filed accurately reflects what we had discussed in court.

**THE COURT:** All right. So if that's the case, there are just a couple of things.

One, on page 1, which is the duties of the jury to find facts and follow the law, did you not think that we were going to be discussing this this morning?

**MR. FAKHOURY:** It's my fault for not bringing a copy. I'll make sure there's one available in the next ten minutes.

**THE COURT:** There's very little that I wanted to go over, but on line 12 after "the community." Period after "community." I'm going to add a sentence that says: You must

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1 avoid bias, conscious or unconscious, period.

2 **MR. FAKHOURY:** That's fine with us. Thank you,  
3 Your Honor.

4 **THE COURT:** Then I guess I was interested on page 23,  
5 which is the jury instruction on material support or resources.  
6 My understanding from the defense yesterday was, although they  
7 wanted to change it in other ways, they were suggesting to take  
8 the notion that there is more than one individual involved in  
9 this case out of that instruction. And I didn't know whether  
10 the government had had a reason for not doing that or whether I  
11 misunderstood what the defense was suggesting.

12 **MS. LaPUNZINA:** Oversight on my part if I missed it.

13 **THE COURT:** I didn't agree to it one way or another,  
14 but I thought that -- I thought you were going to have a  
15 conversation about it. That's --

16 **MR. FAKHOURY:** We did not have a conversation about  
17 it. If the government -- if there's no issue with it, I think  
18 there's no dispute that this case involves Mr. Shafi just  
19 providing himself. So if we can -- I think we would -- we  
20 would request that that language --

21 **THE COURT:** So I think we could delete, then, on line  
22 -- between 8 and 9 -- "or more individuals which may include."  
23 Let's see. Actually, delete starting at "one or more  
24 individuals which may include himself." So that the sentence  
25 would read: The defendant can be convicted for attempting to

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1 provide material support or resources in the form of personnel.  
2 If you find that the defendant has knowingly attempted to  
3 provide himself to work under the al-Nusrah Front's direction  
4 or control.

5 Does that --

6 **MR. FAKHOURY:** That's fine with us. My one -- I would  
7 add perhaps at the end of the first paragraph where it says  
8 "here the government has alleged that the material support or  
9 resources was personnel," I would suggest maybe we add a comma,  
10 "specifically himself." Then I think your addition would tie  
11 that into that introductory part.

12 **THE COURT:** Is there any reason not to do that,  
13 Ms. LaPunzina?

14 **MS. LaPUNZINA:** I think that's fine, Your Honor.

15 **THE COURT:** I think that makes it clearer. Okay. So  
16 we'll make those changes.

17 And then what I do, after I read the instructions and I  
18 show them -- or, Ms. Davis puts them on the Elmo so that  
19 they're shown to the jury -- after I get to the First Amendment  
20 then I will show them what the verdict form looks like so that  
21 they have that. And then I'll stop and give the duty to  
22 deliberate and those instructions after.

23 **MR. FAKHOURY:** That's fine, Your Honor. Thank you.

24 **THE COURT:** And then speaking of the verdict form, do  
25 you have a clean copy of that to provide? If you would.

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1           **MS. LaPUNZINA:** We will. Yes, Your Honor. I have a  
2 clean copy but it has the ECF marking. So I'll provide a clean  
3 one.

4           **THE COURT:** That would be great. And if you could do  
5 that maybe --

6           **MS. LaPUNZINA:** Quickly.

7           **THE COURT:** That would be great. And I think those  
8 were the only things I had on my mind.

9           Is there anything else we ought to talk about now?

10          **MR. FAKHOURY:** I don't believe so, Your Honor, on our  
11 part.

12          **MR. MATTHEWS:** I don't think so.

13          **THE COURT:** Mr. Hasib is coming up here.

14          **MR. HASIB:** Just to get to the microphone. Your  
15 Honor, some of the agents who testified wanted to know if it  
16 was okay to come in and watch the closings later this  
17 afternoon.

18          **THE COURT:** I think anybody can come watch the  
19 closing.

20          **MR. FAKHOURY:** We have no problem with that.

21          **THE COURT:** Okay. So as we said yesterday, we'll  
22 finish up with the testimony, we'll take a break for about half  
23 an hour. Before -- after we -- before we start the closing,  
24 we'll bring in the juror who was concerned about that -- who  
25 raised that one issue. Then we'll do the closings.

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1 Instructions and closings. Then move on.

2 **MR. MATTHEWS:** Thank you.

3 **MR. FAKHOURY:** Thank you, Your Honor.

4 **MS. LaPUNZINA:** Thank you.

5 (Recess taken at 7:39 a.m.)

6 (Proceedings resumed at 8:00 a.m.)

7 **MR. FAKHOURY:** Your Honor, there was one issue that we  
8 forgot to mention at 7:30 that we wanted to address just before  
9 the jury comes in.

10 And we had mentioned at the beginning of the case that we  
11 were going to seek -- ask the Court to take judicial notice of  
12 the day that *Obergefell versus Hodges* was decided. And that's  
13 motivated because there's been actually quite a bit of  
14 testimony about Mr. Shafi's statements about wanting to leave  
15 the United States in part because of the -- I think it's been  
16 referred to as recent Supreme Court decision about gay  
17 marriage.

18 So we wanted to have the Court take judicial notice of the  
19 date of that decision, which is very close in time to the acts  
20 charged here.

21 So it's my understanding the government wants some  
22 additional items taken judicial notice of. I think it's the  
23 date of a Ninth Circuit case from 2013. I can let  
24 Ms. LaPunzina speak to that. And I just wanted to put on the  
25 record we don't dispute that's the day that case was decided,

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1 but we don't think that there needs to be judicial notice of  
2 that because there's been no evidence about the nuances between  
3 what the Ninth Circuit had held in 2013 and what the Supreme  
4 Court had held in 2015.

5 **MS. LaPUNZINA:** That is correct. The government would  
6 ask the Court take judicial notice of the fact that on June 28,  
7 2013, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decision in *Perry*  
8 *versus Brown* went into effect. *Perry versus Brown* held that  
9 Proposition 8, California's ban on same-sex marriage, was  
10 unconstitutional.

11 We feel that it's necessary to do that because there has  
12 been testimony relating to Mr. Shafi's reaction to the Supreme  
13 Court ruling; but the backdrop to all of that is that same-sex  
14 marriage was actually lawful in California, his state of  
15 residence, for a period of time prior to that.

16 The Supreme Court's ruling did not come out of nowhere,  
17 wasn't in a vacuum; it came in the broader context of  
18 litigation across the United States. And particularly in  
19 California same-sex marriage had in fact been found -- the ban  
20 on same-sex marriage was found unconstitutional.

21 We think it's important to have the full context before  
22 the jury if they're going to hear one argument about one court  
23 decision, that they understand the history of same sex marriage  
24 within California which is obviously where he was living that  
25 entire time.



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1           **THE COURT:** So you're not arguing that Mr. Shafi knew  
2 about the course of the litigation on same sex marriage over  
3 time. You're just -- are you?

4           **MS. LaPUNZINA:** Your Honor, the evidence has been with  
5 respect to the Supreme Court ruling, I believe. I can't say  
6 for certain what he knew or did not know. But it was widely  
7 publicized in California. Proposition 8 was in the news all  
8 the time, and certainly California was at the forefront of  
9 authorizing same sex marriage. So I think it's certainly  
10 reasonable to assume that he was aware of the other litigation,  
11 and that the Supreme Court ruling came as a result of  
12 litigation across the states relating to this issue.

13           **THE COURT:** So specifically what would you like me to  
14 take judicial notice of? The date of *Perry*?

15           **MS. LaPUNZINA:** Yes, Your Honor.

16           **MR. FAKHOURY:** And Your Honor, one other thing I  
17 wanted to add that just occurred to me. And this is not my  
18 area of expertise. But I have a recollection that actually  
19 *Perry* went to the Supreme Court. That the Supreme Court  
20 accepted a *certiorari* on that case on the issue of -- and  
21 ultimately decided it had no -- there was no standing. Because  
22 if the Court remembers, that was a case brought against the  
23 state of California. The state of California decided not to  
24 defend the decision. And when it went up to the Supreme Court  
25 the issue was whether voters who had put the ballot measure for

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1 Proposition 8 had standing to defend state law when the state  
2 chose not to defend it. And the Supreme Court, I believe on  
3 the same day it decided *Windsor*, which was a few days before it  
4 decided *Obergefell*, my recollection -- I could be wrong about  
5 this -- but my recollection is they ultimately found in *Perry*  
6 there was no standing. That's why *Obergefell* became sort of  
7 the lead case on same sex marriage.

8 In any event, I think we're very far afield what the  
9 evidence in the case is. And the only reason we're asking for  
10 the instruction is because there's been discussion of the  
11 Supreme Court decision around gay marriage specifically by  
12 several of the government's witnesses. And so that's why we're  
13 asking for -- just to put context so the jury understands when  
14 they're talking about -- when they've heard testimony about a  
15 Supreme Court decision, the decision in question is *Obergefell*  
16 decided on June 26, 2015, which is obviously four days before  
17 the incident at SFO.

18 **THE COURT:** Well, I think it's appropriate, I suppose,  
19 to put into context that *Obergefell* didn't come out of the  
20 blue. I don't know how persuasive an argument it is. But I  
21 shouldn't be putting myself in that seat.

22 So in order for the government to try to put *Obergefell*  
23 into the context of other things that were going on, I will  
24 take judicial notice of the date of *Perry*.

25 So what date is that? And have I provided the date? Did

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1 we do that first thing with *Obergefell*? Or do we have to do  
2 that as well?

3 **MR. FAKHOURY:** We have not gotten into it. I was  
4 thinking we could -- Dr. Sageman's our last witness. I was  
5 thinking we could have the judicial notice be taken after his  
6 testimony is done. And we would rest at that point.

7 **THE COURT:** We'll do both dates. So the date of *Perry*  
8 without adornment, and the date of *Obergefell*.

9 **MS. LaPUNZINA:** The date, Your Honor, is June 28,  
10 2013.

11 **THE COURT:** So then are you going to be describing for  
12 the jury the nuances of the Ninth Circuit and the state law  
13 decisions, and make this case into a case involving gay  
14 marriage as opposed to material support?

15 **MS. LaPUNZINA:** No, Your Honor. That's not our  
16 intention.

17 **THE COURT:** Okay. And then what was the date of  
18 *Obergefell*?

19 **MR. FAKHOURY:** June 26, 2015.

20 **THE COURT:** All right. So we'll do that at the --  
21 when you ask me to.

22 **MR. FAKHOURY:** Thank you, Your Honor.

23 **MS. LaPUNZINA:** Thank you.

24 **THE COURT:** So I have the final instructions here  
25 slightly revised with -- in the 1st instruction and the 23rd

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1 instruction. I'll give this to you now so that you can look  
2 just to see whether there's anything else that needs to happen.

3 And get the jury.

4 **MR. FAKHOURY:** Thank you, Your Honor.

5 **MS. LaPUNZINA:** Thank you.

6 (Proceedings were heard in the presence of the jury:)

7 **THE COURT:** All right. Please be seated, everybody.

8 Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you, again, for  
9 being prompt. We're ready to go with the cross-examination of  
10 Dr. Sageman.

11 Mr. Hasib.

12 **MR. HASIB:** Thank you, Your Honor.

13 **MARC SAGEMAN,**

14 called as a witness for the Defendant, having been previously  
15 duly sworn, testified further as follows:

16 **CROSS-EXAMINATION**

17 **BY MR. HASIB:**

18 **Q.** My name is Waqar Hasib. I represent the United States  
19 government in this case. Good morning.

20 **A.** Good morning.

21 **Q.** Dr. Sageman, you and I, we spoke a little bit briefly this  
22 morning, right? Before court? Just exchanging pleasantries?

23 **A.** Yes.

24 **Q.** And we spoke a little bit I think it was yesterday morning  
25 as well just introducing ourselves to each other?

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1 **A.** Yes.

2 **Q.** And other than that, Dr. Sageman, you and I have never  
3 spoken together, right?

4 **A.** I have never seen you before.

5 **Q.** Dr. Sageman, yesterday I think you testified about the  
6 fees that you're getting paid in this case. Do you recall  
7 testifying that you were getting paid \$300 an hour?

8 **A.** That's correct, yes.

9 **Q.** And about how much have you put in so far?

10 **A.** I don't know. About 50 hours. 70 hours. I don't know.

11 **Q.** And over the course of this case, at the end of the day  
12 when everything's done, how much do you expect to be paid as a  
13 result of your work in this case?

14 **A.** I don't know. \$20,000.

15 **Q.** Dr. Sageman, let me ask you a couple of questions.

16 Yesterday you talked about your -- I have to say very  
17 interesting background. You mentioned you worked in  
18 Afghanistan for several years, right? Afghanistan and  
19 Pakistan?

20 **A.** Pakistan for three years, Afghanistan about four months.

21 **Q.** And you described that as it was sort of the James Bond  
22 kind of lifestyle, is that right?

23 **A.** That was my first version, yes. I went back to  
24 Afghanistan 2012-2013, and there I was a political officer for  
25 the U.S. Armed Forces. ISAF.

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1 Q. So the first time around back in -- what was it? The mid  
2 '80s? That was when you were leading the James Bond lifestyle.

3 A. That's right. 1986 to 1989 when I was young.

4 Q. And you testified yesterday that you also did some work  
5 for the Secret Service at some point?

6 A. Yes. In 2006-2007.

7 Q. 2006-2007. You testified yesterday that your job was to  
8 protect the President?

9 A. Part of it, yes.

10 Q. And you weren't -- you weren't carrying a firearm, were  
11 you?

12 A. No. I was trying to be the brain trust.

13 Q. You were trying to be the brain trust.

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. How were you trying to be the brain trust of the Secret  
16 Service?

17 A. Trying to understand how groups try to attack the  
18 President or head of state. So I looked at attacks against  
19 head of states in foreign countries and attacks against head of  
20 states in this country, as well. And attacks by groups as  
21 opposed to lone individuals. Secret Service is very good at  
22 protecting the President against a lone gunman now, but they're  
23 not as good against groups. So we're trying to figure out a  
24 way to protect the President against groups.

25 Q. That was 2007-2008, that was President Bush?

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1 A. That's correct.

2 Q. And so your work with the Secret Service, you were sort of  
3 a researcher, a scholar?

4 A. I was a consultant to -- I think it was called JTAC, which  
5 is a joint -- no, it wasn't JTAC. I forgot exactly. But it's  
6 a think tank within the Secret Service that gives direction and  
7 research for the rest of the organization.

8 Q. So it was a think tank for the Secret Service. That's  
9 what you were doing?

10 A. Well, I was working directly -- working directly for the  
11 deputy director, I guess, for intelligence.

12 Q. Did you make policy recommendations, that kind of thing?

13 A. No. Just trying to figure out how to counter attacks.  
14 And also trying to anticipate -- when President Bush, for  
15 instance, went to Germany there were, I guess, two potential  
16 attacks that we were monitoring. And we, basically, helped  
17 arrest those individuals.

18 Q. How did you help?

19 A. I'm sorry?

20 Q. How did you help? How did you help? With the arrest of  
21 those individuals?

22 A. I wasn't on the ground, nor were any American forces  
23 there. But we were monitoring. Were in constant communication  
24 with the Germans and the Danes.

25 Q. Dr. Sageman, I've got, as you've noted, I've got all four

1 of your books here. Are there additional books?

2 A. One coming out in about two months.

3 Q. So we've got -- let's see. *Misunderstanding Terrorism*.

4 This is one of the more recent ones, right?

5 A. That's correct, yes.

6 Q. And then this is your first one, *Understanding Terror*  
7 *Networks*?

8 A. That's correct.

9 Q. This is the one I think yesterday you said was one of the  
10 most cited books in the field of terrorism, right?

11 A. Yeah. About 3,400 citations.

12 Q. 3,400 citations?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. You keep track of that?

15 A. No. I just checked in case you were going to ask me. So  
16 I checked this morning.

17 Q. That's a lot. 3,400.

18 A. Yeah. I was surprised.

19 Q. And this one is *Leaderless Jihad*. This one was, what?  
20 About 2008?

21 A. That's correct, yes. And this is one of your more recent  
22 ones, as well?

23 Q. And this is on of your more recent ones, as well, right?  
24 *Turning to Political Violence*?

25 A. That's correct, yes.



1 Q. Let me ask you some questions about some of these books.

2 Let's start with *Leaderless Jihad*. Let me ask you. This book,  
3 at least initially, there was some discussion about an  
4 allegation of plagiarism involved with this book, is that  
5 right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. That was ultimately -- you rejected that allegation,  
8 right?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. Okay. So what you've got in this book, these are -- these  
11 of your words (indicating.)

12 A. Absolutely.

13 Q. Okay. And if they're not your words, then they are cited  
14 appropriately, right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And you cite -- you're an eminent scholar. You cite to  
17 reliable sources, right?

18 A. Yes. But the bibliography of that book and the references  
19 are not accurate.

20 Q. Not accurate?

21 A. And I think that's why some people mentioned that it could  
22 be plagiarism. I mean, I mentioned them in the text, but  
23 somebody switched the bibliography. I don't want to blame my  
24 wife, but --

25 Q. You know this is being taken down in the record?

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1   **A.**   I know. And she's probably going to order them. And so  
2   the bibliography is not really accurate there. But in the text  
3   I do -- for instance, several scholars I refer to them by name  
4   in the text, but somehow they are missing from the  
5   bibliography.

6   **Q.**   Well, if scholars are mentioned here in the bibliography,  
7   these are people that you checked up on and you read their work  
8   and you cited to them.

9   **A.**   That's correct, yes.

10   **Q.**   And you wouldn't cite scholars who you don't think are  
11   reliable, right?

12   **A.**   Well, I mean, sometimes I cite them because I disagree  
13   with them and sometimes I cite them as we agree.

14   **Q.**   Let me ask you --

15           **MR. HASIB:** May I approach, Your Honor? Actually, I  
16   can use the Elmo if we can limit it just to Dr. Sageman and  
17   myself, if that's easier.

18           **THE COURT:** Either way you want to do this is fine.  
19   Is it possible to do that, Ms. Davis?

20           **THE CLERK:** I can take the jury off. Counsel table  
21   will see it.

22           **MR. FAKHOURY:** I've seen it. Whatever's convenient.

23           **MR. HASIB:** And if I could have the Elmo, please.

24   **BY MR. HASIB:**

25   **Q.**   Pardon the sticky notes. Dr. Sageman, that's -- does that

1 appear to be the bibliography of your book *Leaderless Jihad*?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And at the bottom there is there a citation to a Lorenzo  
4 Vidino?

5 A. Yes. And I apologized to Lorenzo yesterday. He mentioned  
6 it to me. And I wasn't aware. But it's a bad spelling error.

7 Q. So you misspelled his name, but that's a citation to  
8 Dr. Lorenzo Vidino.

9 A. Yes. That's Lorenzo's.

10 Q. Who you met yesterday.

11 A. Yes. We've known each other for 12 years.

12 Q. And by the way, actually, that brings up a point. You've  
13 testified previously in cases where Dr. Vidino also testified,  
14 right?

15 A. Yes. One other case that comes to mind, yes.

16 Q. And you've met him in professional situations other than  
17 in court?

18 A. Yes. Yes. In foreign countries, as well. And I met his  
19 kids, his previous wife.

20 Q. You guys friends?

21 A. We don't meet enough to really be friends, but we're on  
22 very friendly terms.

23 Q. You move in the same professional circles.

24 A. Right.

25 Q. Let me ask you about *Leaderless Jihad* a little bit. Let's

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1 see. First of all, this was written in --

2 A. It was published in 2008.

3 Q. Published 2008 by University of Pennsylvania Press.

4 A. Yes. It's written the year before. It takes about nine  
5 months to publish.

6 Q. So you wrote it in 2007, publish in 2008?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Either way, this is long before the birth of al-Nusrah, is  
9 that right?

10 A. Oh, yes.

11 Q. And before the birth of ISIS or *Daish*?

12 A. Before the birth of ISIS. I mean, at that time it was --  
13 well, they had many names. Al-Qaeda in Iraq, it was Zarkawi  
14 Organization. Zarkawi is spelled Z-A-R-K-A-W-I. I think  
15 Zarkawi was killed when I was writing this book.

16 Q. And fair to say the depth of your experience in this field  
17 comes a lot from your experiences in Pakistan and Afghanistan  
18 in the '80s, right?

19 A. Well, I was on the terrorist side at that time, I guess,  
20 so I had some different expertise from most counterterrorist  
21 experts. I was on both sides.

22 Q. 9/11, of course, was a seminal event for the entire world  
23 and for people in the world of terrorism, as well. Right?

24 A. Very much so, yes.

25 Q. Al-Qaeda was the focus of your research, right?

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1 A. For the first book and the second book, yes.

2 Q. Let me ask you. Let me see if I can summarize what --  
3 some of what you're saying in this book. Is it essentially  
4 that al-Qaeda did not have -- it was not a top-down  
5 organization. It was more of a bottom-up phenomenon. Is that  
6 right?

7 A. Well, it was both. And as we're getting better in terms  
8 of counterterrorism, we're able to counter the top-down portion  
9 of it, so the bottom-up became more prominent. And's that's  
10 why it was moving toward a state of leaderless *jihad*.

11 Q. So you're saying in this book it's the bottom up that we  
12 got to be paying attention to, not so much the top down?

13 A. In the future, that's where it's leading towards. So  
14 homegrown terrorism that we have now, unfortunately. So I was  
15 prescient by about ten years.

16 Q. You foresaw things by ten years. Is that what you're  
17 saying?

18 A. Well, I saw the trend, yes.

19 Q. And I think one of the things that you wrote about in some  
20 depth in this book was the fact that as you saw it there were  
21 no real sort of formal al-Qaeda recruiters going around trying  
22 to spot the next big terrorist talent. Right?

23 A. Yes. That's correct.

24 Q. It's not like, you know, a football team going out to  
25 scout new players. There was no al-Qaeda recruiter heading out

1 to see who their next pick is going to be.

2 **A.** That's correct. And I think I made the same argument in  
3 my first book.

4 **Q.** And that's the theme that runs throughout a lot of your  
5 books, actually, right? That there's no sort of formal  
6 recruitment mechanism.

7 **A.** Yes. I mean, in a sense, it's a much more difficult  
8 situation to assess and to detect potential terrorists.

9 **Q.** Yet, despite that lack of a formal recruitment mechanism,  
10 you would agree with me, would you not, that some people do  
11 still end turning, as you say, to political violence, right?

12 **A.** Absolutely.

13 **Q.** Let me ask you a little bit about -- let's see. This is  
14 your first book, *Understanding Terror Networks*. So this one  
15 goes back even further away from al-Nusrah and ISIS. This was  
16 written in --

17 **A.** 2003, and published 2004.

18 **Q.** 2003, and published 2004. This is even further from the  
19 birth of al-Nusrah, right?

20 **A.** That's correct.

21 **Q.** You write a great deal in this one about the -- sort of  
22 the origins of what I think at the time -- you may have changed  
23 your terminology -- but at the time you were calling it the  
24 global *Salafi jihad*?

25 **A.** That's correct.

1 Q. What's the term that you used now?

2 A. The global neo *jihad*.

3 Q. Global neo *jihad*.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What's the difference?

6 A. Well, a lot of my Muslim friends told me that this was not  
7 *jihad*. That *jihad* is very much a moral war. It's a just war.  
8 And there are a lot of rules. You can't really kill civilians,  
9 you can't kill innocent people.

10 And I agree with them, and so I stopped calling it *jihad*.  
11 But if I don't really call it *jihad*, nobody really understand  
12 what I'm talking about.

13 So I'm a little stuck. And I, basically, decide to call  
14 neo *jihad*. It's an ugly term, but nobody yet -- I've been  
15 challenging people. I say, Give me another term. I don't like  
16 it. But that's what I'm stuck with.

17 Q. It's your term. You came up with it, right?

18 A. Yes. But it's an ugly neologism. I realize it doesn't  
19 flow smoothly from the tongue.

20 Q. Let me ask you about some of the things you wrote in this  
21 book. You write about the origins of the global *Salafi jihad*,  
22 or global neo *jihad*, and you write specifically about some of  
23 the roots of this movement in Egypt. Do you recall writing  
24 that?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And writing at some length about a man named Ayman  
2 al-Zawahiri?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Who is that person?

5 A. Well, he was a physician who became radical and became  
6 involved with what's called the *al jihad* group in Egypt. And  
7 was arrested during -- right after the crackdown when they  
8 killed the Egyptian President. And he was released from prison  
9 in 1984, went to Peshawar, and in Peshawar met Osama bin Laden.

10 Q. Peshawar, that's your old stomping grounds, right? In  
11 Pakistan?

12 A. That's correct, yes. I did not meet them personally.

13 Q. I was not suggesting that you did.

14 A. And when bin Laden formed al-Qaeda, he invited -- he  
15 cooperated with Zawahiri. And then in about 2000, ten years  
16 later, there was a merger between the *al jihad* group of Egypt  
17 and al-Qaeda. And Zawahiri became the deputy, became the  
18 number two man in al-Qaeda.

19 Q. So he was bin Laden's number two.

20 A. That's correct.

21 Q. And now that bin Laden is no longer, where is Ayman  
22 al-Zawahiri?

23 A. He's now the leader of al-Qaeda.

24 Q. In your book you wrote at some length about sort of the  
25 upbringing of Zawahiri and how he sort of found himself on what



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1 I think you would say this path of turning to political  
2 violence, right?

3 **A.** Right.

4 **Q.** Let me just read you a passage. Again, just for the  
5 attorneys and Dr. Sageman.

6 You write: Key person in this analysis is Ayman  
7 al-Zawahiri, the leader of the EIJ and the deputy of al-Qaeda.

8 And then you continue down. You describe at an early age  
9 he was strongly influenced by the writings of Syed Qutb. And  
10 in 1966 he and his brother and three high school friends made a  
11 secret pact to oppose the Nasser regime along the lines,  
12 advocated by Qytb. Nasser, who is that?

13 **A.** Gamal Abdel Nasser, who was --

14 **Q.** Secular leader of Egypt at that time?

15 **A.** In 1960s, yes. And then he died in late '60s and was  
16 replaced by Anwar Sadat.

17 **Q.** Then you write that: In 1966 Zawahiri, his brother, and  
18 three high school friends made a secret pact to oppose the  
19 Nasser regime. The formation of such clandestine groups among  
20 high school friends searching for a cause to give meaning to  
21 their young lives is a common phenomenon. Usually these groups  
22 are unconnected to a larger movement and fade over time as  
23 people grow up and get on with their lives.

24 **MR. FAKHOURY:** Your Honor, I'm sorry to interrupt.  
25 This is hearsay. If he wants to impeach him with a prior

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1 inconsistent statement, there's a procedure to do that. I  
2 don't see the relevance of this or the relevance of reading his  
3 book into the record.

4 **THE COURT:** It's sustained. Ask a question based on  
5 that passage.

6 **BY MR. HASIB:**

7 **Q.** Dr. Sageman, you wrote that groups of high school friends  
8 sometimes searching for meaning for their lives will  
9 occasionally become connected to a larger movement. Isn't that  
10 right?

11 **A.** It could.

12 **Q.** In this case that you're writing about in your book, that  
13 group of high school friends ended up being one of the -- one  
14 of them ended up being the number two of al-Qaeda. Right?

15 **A.** And the number one.

16 **Q.** And his roots came from that original group and that  
17 upbringing and that secret pact he had amongst his friends back  
18 in 1966, right?

19 **A.** Yes. Now, I wrote that, but I don't know if it's true.

20 **MR. HASIB:** Your Honor, I --

21 **THE COURT:** Yes. Stick to the questions, please.

22 **BY MR. HASIB:**

23 **Q.** And Dr. Sageman, one of the other things that you wrote  
24 about in this book is some of the things that will cause people  
25 perhaps to make that turn to political violence, isn't that

1 right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And one of those things you wrote was mystical experiences  
4 or dreams that demonstrate the existence of god and reinforce  
5 one's radical ideas. Isn't that right?

6 A. Yeah. That's what I wrote at that time.

7 Q. In fact, you wrote about a famous incident where in 2001  
8 Osama bin Laden said that he had banned the reporting of dreams  
9 of airplanes flying into buildings prior to September 11 for  
10 fear of revealing the September 11 plot. Isn't that right?

11 A. Yes. That's what I write.

12 Q. So that was an example of a dream being used in sort of  
13 the radicalization process, right?

14 A. Yeah. I don't believe that anymore. But at that time I  
15 did.

16 Q. You don't believe that dreams play a part of the process?

17 A. No, I think dreams are important in terms of trying to  
18 make sense of your own life and things around you, but I don't  
19 really think that they play an important role in the turn to  
20 political violence. That is not my latest mechanism as you  
21 know from reading my last two books.

22 Q. Let me ask you about -- let's go to -- this one was much  
23 more recently, right? *Misunderstanding Terror?*

24 A. 2016 yes.

25 Q. 2016 (indicating.) And this one also focuses largely on

1 al-Qaeda, right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. In fact, there's nary a mention of al-Nusrah in this book,  
4 right?

5 A. No. Because the database on which I was basing it on  
6 ended in 2011.

7 Q. And that was before the rise of al-Nusrah, right?

8 A. That's correct, yes.

9 Q. So this was based mainly on people other than al-Nusrah.  
10 Al-Qaeda and other groups. Right?

11 A. They're part of the global neo *jihad*.

12 Q. The global neo *jihad*, which at that time did not include  
13 al-Nusrah for you.

14 A. Because it wasn't -- it hadn't emerged yet, but now it  
15 does.

16 Q. And in this book you talked again about some of the things  
17 that can lead someone to make that turn to political violence.  
18 Right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And actually, before we get there, this is another book in  
21 the bibliography where you indicate that you had cited  
22 Dr. Vidino. Is that right?

23 A. And spelled it correctly.

24 Q. And spelled it correctly, too. "Home-grown *Jihadism* in  
25 Italy: Birth, Development and Radicalization Dynamics" by

1 Lorenzo Vidino, 2014. Is that right?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And that was something that you cited to in your book?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Now let me ask you. You describe at some length some of  
6 the things that can cause someone to turn to radicalism. And  
7 you describe, for example, that when someone takes on what you  
8 describe as a martial social identity, they start acting a  
9 little differently, right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. What does that martial social identity mean?

12 A. You identify as a soldier defending your community which  
13 is attacked.

14 Q. So it's essentially thinking of yourself as a fighter?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And one of the things that you describe in the book is  
17 indicative of this turn is practicing martial arts, getting  
18 weapons, and taking target practice to improve skills, is that  
19 right?

20 A. Yes. Those are some of the indicators of what you think  
21 of yourself; namely, as a soldier. You train as a soldier.

22 Q. So as you say here, these are the kinds of activities that  
23 would reinforce that sort of soldier image, the martial social  
24 identity?

25 A. Yeah. There may be. Yes, correct.

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1 Q. And then this book, this is also quite recent, right?  
2 *Turning to Political Violence?*

3 A. Yes. This came out last year.

4 Q. This one -- correct me if I'm wrong -- this is more of  
5 sort of a historical analysis, right?

6 A. Well, this is the elaboration of my theory and  
7 illustrating it with what people would call terrorist group  
8 from the French Revolution to World War I.

9 Q. French Revolution, anarchy in the 1900s, World War I.  
10 These are the examples you cite to in this book.

11 A. That's correct.

12 Q. But there's no mention of al-Nusrah in this book, either,  
13 is there?

14 A. No. But towards the end, if you look at the appendix,  
15 it's part of the 34 Campaigns of Political Violence. And it's  
16 part of the global neo *jihad*.

17 Q. It's in the appendix.

18 A. Correct. The annex.

19 Q. The annex. Dr. Sageman, you mentioned this a moment ago,  
20 you've testified before in some terrorism trials, right?

21 A. I'm sorry?

22 Q. You've testified previously in some terrorism-related  
23 trials?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And that's not the extent of your expert testimony.

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1 You've testified a lot as an expert, right?

2 A. Yeah. A dozen times. And at large commission, like the  
3 9/11 Commission, the Beslan Commission in Russia. Saudi  
4 Arabia.

5 Q. How about in non-terrorism contexts? Have you testified  
6 as an expert?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. How many times?

9 A. 20 times.

10 Q. And what were those kind of cases?

11 A. Forensic psychiatrist. So I testify in terms of criminal  
12 responsibility. And in civil cases, in terms of damages in  
13 tort lawsuits.

14 Q. So fair to say you're an expert in the -- a few different  
15 fields.

16 A. Yeah, I guess so.

17 Q. And, in fact, you've written some articles, haven't you,  
18 about being an expert witness?

19 A. In a forensic psychiatry setting, yes.

20 Q. And one of them is about finding the right expert witness  
21 for a particular case?

22 A. It was mostly about the admissibility of expert evidence  
23 and what kind of expert --

24 Q. And another one was about challenging expert witnesses at  
25 trial?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. So --

3 A. Helping lawyers cross-examine experts like me.

4 Q. I've read that one.

5 A. Thank you.

6 Q. So you're kind of sort of an expert on experts, in a way,  
7 right?

8 A. Well, I read a lot.

9 Q. You read a lot. Let me ask you about -- let's go back to  
10 your testimony on terrorism trials. Do you recall testifying  
11 in -- oh, heck, where was this? Riverside. Riverside,  
12 California. That's the Central District of California, I  
13 think, in 2012.

14 A. Sohial Kabir case?

15 Q. The Sohial Kabir case. Exactly. Sohial Kabir, you recall  
16 testifying in that case?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And the name Anwar al-Awlaki came up with some frequency  
19 in that case, right?

20 A. Yes, I think so.

21 Q. And, in fact, it came up during your cross-examination by  
22 the government prosecutor in that case, right?

23 A. I usually -- it fades out of my memory. I try to forget  
24 it.

25 Q. Do you recall testifying that in -- after approximately



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1 2008 many of the cases involving terrorism and involved in your  
2 research had connections to Anwar al-Awlaki?

3 **A.** Yes. As Vidino mentioned, in the English-speaking world.

4 **Q.** In the English-speaking world many of the cases that are  
5 the subject of your research had connections to this person,  
6 Anwar al-Awlaki.

7 **A.** Yes. My research also extend to the French, to the Danes.  
8 And they don't hear al-Awlaki. And in this country, defendants  
9 who are Uzbeks don't listen to al-Awlaki either.

10 **Q.** I'm sorry. Defendant's who are --

11 **A.** Uzbeks.

12 **Q.** Uzbeks. From Uzbekistan.

13 **A.** Correct.

14 **Q.** How about other defendants?

15 **A.** Most English speakers, yes. And not just English speakers  
16 who are arrested on terrorism charges, but a lot of Muslims  
17 listen to al-Awlaki, especially his historical lectures.

18 **Q.** Because -- you were here for Dr. Vidino's testimony,  
19 right?

20 **A.** Yes.

21 **Q.** Dr. Vidino explained that there are lectures that Anwar  
22 al-Awlaki has given that are about totally innocuous topics,  
23 right?

24 **A.** Yeah. I mean, I learned a lot. I listened to his  
25 lecture. I learned a lot from al-Awlaki, yes.

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1 Q. But there are also lectures of al-Awlaki's that are  
2 certainly not so innocuous, right?

3 A. Yes. He was arrested in 2006, and then released from  
4 prison 2008. After his release from prison, he became much  
5 more radical in his lectures, like the "Constants on the Path  
6 of *Jihad*" is definitely a series of *jihadi* lectures.

7 Q. So the "Constants on the Path of *Jihad*," that was one of  
8 the lectures, in your opinion, in your experience as an expert,  
9 that is one of the more radical lectures by Anwar al-Awlaki?

10 A. Yes. He's advocating *jihad* in those six lectures, I  
11 think.

12 Q. Dr. Sageman, let me ask you. Your testimony yesterday was  
13 that -- if I heard you correctly -- the defendant in your  
14 opinion had radicalized but had not taken the turn to political  
15 violence, is that right?

16 A. I said he had radical ideas. And so, you know, I'm not  
17 going to dispute, even though I don't use the term  
18 "radicalize," I would not dispute the fact that he was  
19 politicized and he acquired ideas that are contrary to ordinary  
20 Americans, mainstream ideas. So, yes, I would agree that he  
21 was radical in that sense.

22 Q. Okay. And the fact that a person goes to, for example,  
23 target practice, is that not indicative of someone who is  
24 starting to take on that martial social identity of the  
25 soldier?

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1 A. If he does that frequently, perhaps, I would be more  
2 worried. But that is something that I look for. And as you  
3 had a chance of looking at my outline, you saw that I underline  
4 each time he actually went to target practice. I saw it about  
5 three or four times at most.

6 Q. So that was something that jumped out at you. Something  
7 that --

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. -- you need to be paying attention to.

10 A. Yes. So it raised my index of suspicion.

11 Q. How about saying on the phone that one wants to spill  
12 gallons of blood before going to Allah?

13 A. Well, that depends on the context. I mean, that context  
14 that was not *jihadi*. It was more trying to share the suffering  
15 of his fellow Muslims. And as I said, you know, people become  
16 politicized by identifying with victims of your own community,  
17 and I think that's what he meant. So that did not really worry  
18 me as much as going to target practice, for instance.

19 Q. So the comment about wanting to spill gallons of blood did  
20 not worry you because of context. And in your opinion, that  
21 was more about suffering than about taking on a martial  
22 identity, is that right?

23 A. That was the first step of my process. Namely, the  
24 acquisition of a politicized social identity. But community of  
25 people having a politicized social identity form a political

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1 protest community. And that community is still nonviolent.

2 Q. How about the telephone call in which -- wanting to go  
3 somewhere where the defendant could kill fricking American  
4 soldiers. How did that work into your analysis? Is that also  
5 suffering?

6 A. I'm sorry?

7 Q. Was that also part of the suffering analysis?

8 A. No, that was in relation to Burma. And I think that he  
9 had just seen a video of a Muslim being cut up in pieces. And  
10 he was so outraged by it that he wanted to do something. And  
11 this is his way of speaking.

12 You know, it tells when -- you know, his father is not  
13 happy with him: He's going to slaughter me like a goat. His  
14 speech pattern, his figures of speech, are very exaggerated.

15 Q. It's just an exaggerated figure of speech.

16 A. So I looked at that, I looked at the context. And, you  
17 know, I said, Okay, so what is he going to do? And then I  
18 think he talks about Burma a little bit later on again in other  
19 conversations, and then he drops it. And there's nothing in  
20 furtherance after that.

21 So, you know, you have to monitor what people say. You  
22 have to look at the totality of the discovery material not just  
23 the 17 --

24 Q. Look at the totality of the circumstances. Is that what  
25 you're saying?

1 A. Absolutely. Absolutely.

2 Q. Let me ask you about -- there's an article that you wrote  
3 entitled "The Stagnation in Terrorism Research." Do you recall  
4 that article?

5 A. Yes. In 2014.

6 Q. 2014. And that article was -- I don't want to use the  
7 word "controversial," but it generated some discussion, right?  
8 In the academic community?

9 A. Yes. I mean, this was one of those -- you know, lead  
10 article. And then they had five scholars commenting on it.  
11 And then I could reply to them.

12 Q. So it's part of an ongoing debate that you had?

13 A. That's right, yes.

14 Q. And one of the things that you did in this article is you  
15 were pretty critical of what you refer to here as the IC, or  
16 the intelligence community, right?

17 A. And the academic community. I was critical of both  
18 communities, yes.

19 Q. And, in fact, you -- if I can find your sort of pithy  
20 summary -- you wrote: We have a system of terrorism research  
21 in which intelligence analysts know everything but understand  
22 nothing, while academics understand everything but know  
23 nothing.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And your beef there was sort of give academics more access

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1 to the information that's in the intelligence community --

2 A. Right.

3 Q. -- and then we can understand everything.

4 A. Yeah. Like the discovery material, for instance.

5 Q. But as is, the intelligence community could not understand  
6 everything even though they had access to all the information.

7 A. That's correct. They don't have the methodological  
8 background that academics do and can't really analyze it  
9 correctly.

10 Q. And one of the things that you said the intelligence  
11 community was having a problem analyzing correctly was -- you  
12 write at some length about false alarms or false positives?

13 A. That's correct, yes.

14 Q. And you wrote about things that might seem to be of  
15 interest to the intelligence community, which in fact lead to  
16 no further sort of concern from a law enforcement perspective.  
17 Is that right?

18 A. I'm sorry. Could you repeat that? I lost you in the  
19 middle.

20 Q. Things that may initially seem of interest to the  
21 intelligence community that end up leading to no cases on  
22 terrorism.

23 A. Right.

24 Q. And then there are other factors that you said the  
25 intelligence community was missing that should be alarming to

1 them. Right?

2 **A.** Yes.

3 **Q.** And do you recall writing that one of those factors that  
4 you thought the intelligence community was missing out on  
5 potentially was parents reporting their children to the  
6 intelligence community.

7 **A.** Yes. At that time I thought that -- there was several  
8 cases where parents reported their children. I'm thinking  
9 about the Underwear Bomber case, for instance, in 2009.  
10 December 2009. This Nigerian who actually plotted with  
11 al-Awlaki from Yemen and came to the United States wearing a  
12 bomb in his underwear. He tried to light it up, but it didn't  
13 work out. And was arrested and pled guilty eventually in this  
14 country.

15 And that shook me quite a bit. And I said, Well, you  
16 know, I would have paid far more attention to this case because  
17 the father went out of his way to denounce his son. And I  
18 think that the intelligence community completely ignored it.  
19 And it was on the pure luck that the airplane was not  
20 destroyed. However --

21 **Q.** So --

22 **A.** However --

23 Yes?

24 **THE COURT:** Dr. Sageman, just stick with the question  
25 that you've got. And you can be redirected by Mr. Fakhoury if

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1 he needs it.

2 **THE WITNESS:** But I need to say --

3 **THE COURT:** I think you answered the question.

4 **THE WITNESS:** I don't think so. That was the first  
5 part of the answer.

6 Fine.

7 **MR. FAKHOURY:** Your Honor, before we go any further  
8 can we have a sidebar.

9 **THE COURT:** Yes.

10 (The following proceedings were heard at the sidebar:)

11 **MR. FAKHOURY:** This line of inquiry is starting to get  
12 into the statements that Salama Shafi made at the U.S. Embassy  
13 around his -- around Mr. Shafi, his concerns about  
14 radicalization.

15 We have filed a motion *in limine* about those statements.  
16 And my understanding is the Court agreed to admit them just to  
17 show the initiation of the investigation and not for the truth  
18 of the matter asserted.

19 So if the inquiry with Dr. Sageman goes into the substance  
20 of whatever's reported at the U.S. Embassy or the concerns that  
21 Salama Shafi had, we're going outside the scope of what the  
22 Court allowed those statements to come in for. So I don't  
23 think this line of questioning is appropriate.

24 **MR. HASIB:** I'm almost at the end. I think I have  
25 maybe one more question. It's not going to go into the



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1 substance of anything Salama Shafi said at the embassy.

2 **THE COURT:** All right. Let's see that it doesn't.

3 **MR. HASIB:** Okay.

4 (The following proceedings were heard in open court:)

5 **THE COURT:** Go ahead, Mr. Hasib.

6 **BY MR. HASIB:**

7 **Q.** So Dr. Sageman, a parent reporting a child to the  
8 intelligence community, that would be a red flag for you?

9 **A.** That was in 2014. It no longer is the case.

10 **MR. HASIB:** Thank you, Your Honor. No further  
11 questions.

12 **THE COURT:** All right.

13 **REDIRECT EXAMINATION**

14 **BY MR. FAKHOURY:**

15 **Q.** Good morning, Dr. Sageman.

16 **A.** Good morning.

17 **Q.** Mr. Hasib was asking a couple questions about opinions or  
18 theories you had maybe in 2004, 2005, 2006, and how those have  
19 changed.

20 Is it common for theories or opinions to change over time?

21 **A.** Well, the more I study things the more I learn. And some  
22 things that I believed ten years ago I don't believe anymore  
23 because I know far more. The facts came in, you know. Since  
24 the last ten years I've started interviewing terrorists, which  
25 I did not do before in 2004, 2008, my first two books. Most of

1 the interviews really happened the last seven years. So as I  
2 learned more, I changed my theories accordingly.

3 **Q.** Okay. Now Mr. Hasib also asked you about the idea  
4 somebody who does not have a formal recruitment process can  
5 still turn to political violence. Do you recall that question  
6 he asked you?

7 **A.** Yes. And I think that's actually, unfortunately, the  
8 norm. It's probably more frequent than the other one.

9 **Q.** Okay. Now, based on your review of the evidence in this  
10 case concerning Mr. Shafi, do you have an opinion about whether  
11 Mr. Shafi was likely to engage in political violence?

12 **A.** Yes, I do.

13 **Q.** And what is that opinion?

14 **A.** That he was not likely to engage in violence because he  
15 did not think of himself as a soldier defending his community.

16 **Q.** In your review of the evidence in this case, did you see  
17 any indication that Mr. Shafi had gone through any sort of  
18 recruitment process?

19 **A.** No.

20 **Q.** Now, Mr. Hasib asked you some questions about an  
21 individual named Zawahiri and asked you some questions about  
22 how high school friends could be connected to a -- to larger  
23 political movement. Do you have an opinion about whether  
24 Mr. Shafi was connected to such a movement?

25 **A.** No, he wasn't.

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1 **Q.** And why is that?

2 **A.** He just talked with his two friends about the political  
3 situation in Syria, about other things concerning Muslims. But  
4 he wasn't part of a larger community in which he was, for  
5 instance, distributing videos to other people, being active in  
6 the larger political protest community. It was really confined  
7 to his two friends and himself.

8 **Q.** Mr. Hasib asked you some questions about a concept that  
9 you've identified as martial social identity. And you  
10 testified that frequent target practice would be more  
11 suspicious, right?

12 **A.** Yes.

13 **Q.** Would one visit to a target practice facility, or one time  
14 going shooting with guns, would that be the frequent kind of  
15 target practice you'd be concerned with?

16 **A.** It depends where. I mean, in Europe, it's very unusual.  
17 So that -- I would be concerned. But in the United States  
18 where people have guns and go to target practice all the time,  
19 I'm much less concerned about it.

20 **MR. FAKHOURY:** Can I have one minute, Your Honor.

21 **THE COURT:** You may.

22 (Pause.)

23 **MR. FAKHOURY:** I have no further questions. Thank  
24 you.

25 **THE COURT:** All right. Mr. Hasib, anything further?

## PROCEEDINGS

1           **MR. HASIB:** Nothing further from the government, Your  
2 Honor.

3           **THE COURT:** All right. Thank you, Dr. Sageman. You  
4 can step down.

5                               (Witness excused.)

6           **THE COURT:** Mr. Fakhoury.

7           **MR. FAKHOURY:** Your Honor, at this time we would ask  
8 for the judicial notice that we had discussed earlier. And we  
9 have no further witnesses after that.

10          **THE COURT:** All right. And so the -- I will take  
11 notice of the following dates of, first, the *Obergefell*  
12 decision, which was the Supreme Court gay marriage decision,  
13 was on June 26, 2015. And the Ninth Circuit, which is the  
14 Court of Appeals that the federal cases go up to, made its  
15 decision in *Perry versus Schwarzenegger* on June 28, 2013.

16          And so no further facts need to be established with  
17 respect to that and you can -- you'll consider that as you  
18 will.

19          **MR. FAKHOURY:** With that, Your Honor, we rest and we  
20 would also renew our motion that we made at sidebar, as well.

21          **THE COURT:** Okay. Thank you.

22          Mr. Hasib?

23          **MR. HASIB:** Your Honor, the government rests. We have  
24 no rebuttal witness.

25          **THE COURT:** So ladies and gentlemen, that is the end

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1 of the evidence. And so the next thing that's going to happen  
2 is that I'll give you instructions and we'll go into closing  
3 arguments. And we will do that in -- starting at 9:30.

4 So we'll take a half an hour break, then we'll move into  
5 the instructions after that. We'll be in recess.

6 (The jury exiting the courtroom.)

7 **THE COURT:** All right. So we'll be in recess. I'll  
8 come back at about 9:25. We'll bring the juror. And tell me  
9 if there's anything wrong in the instructions at that point.

10 **MR. FAKHOURY:** Thank you, Your Honor.

11 **MR. HASIB:** Thank you, Your Honor.

12 **THE COURT:** Thank you.

13 (Recess taken at 9:01 a.m.)

14 (Proceedings resumed at 9:28 a.m.)

15 (The following proceedings were heard at the sidebar:)

16 **THE COURT:** Hi. So I just wanted to check again with  
17 you at the end of the evidence. You heard the references to  
18 Burma during the course of the trial. Is there anything that  
19 you've heard that makes you think that you couldn't be a fair  
20 and impartial juror in this case?

21 **THE JUROR:** No, I don't think so, Your Honor. I was  
22 mostly concerned something might come up which would elicit  
23 strong emotional reaction on my part, and that wasn't the case.

24 **THE COURT:** So I'm satisfied. Good. And so we'll  
25 just proceed in just a couple minutes. Thanks very much.

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(The following proceedings were heard in open court:)

**THE COURT:** All right. Is everybody ready for the jury?

**MR. FAKHOURY:** Yes, Your Honor.

**MR. MATTHEWS:** Yes.

**THE COURT:** I think what I'll do between the opening and -- the close of the government and the defense, I'll do a five-minute break and then we'll just proceed.

**MR. MATTHEWS:** That's fine, Your Honor.

**MR. FAKHOURY:** Thank you.

(The following proceedings were heard in open court in the presence of the jury:)

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**THE COURT:** All right. Please be seated, everybody. Members of the jury, now that you've heard all the evidence it's my duty to instruct you on the law that applies to this case. A copy of these instructions will be available to you in the jury room for you to consult.

It's your duty to weigh and to evaluate all the evidence received in the case and, in that process, to decide the facts. It's also your duty apply the law as I give it to you to the facts as you find them, whether you agree with the law or not.

You must decide the case solely on the evidence and the law. Do not allow personal likes or dislikes, sympathy, prejudice, fear, or public opinion to influence you. You

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1 should also not be influenced by any person's race, color,  
2 religion, national ancestry, gender, sexual orientation,  
3 profession, occupation, economic circumstances or position in  
4 life or in the community. You must avoid bias, conscious or  
5 unconscious. You will recall that you took an oath promising  
6 to do so at the beginning of the case.

7 You must follow all these instructions and not single out  
8 some and ignore others. They're all important. Please do not  
9 read into these instructions, or into anything that I may have  
10 said or done, any suggestion as to what verdict you should  
11 return. That's a matter entirely up to you.

12 The indictment is not evidence. The defendant has pleaded  
13 not guilty to the charge. The defendant is presumed to be  
14 innocent unless and until the government proves the defendant  
15 guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. In addition, the defendant  
16 does not have to testify or present any evidence. The  
17 defendant does not have to prove innocence. The government has  
18 the burden of proving every element of the charge beyond a  
19 reasonable doubt.

20 A defendant in a criminal case has a constitutional right  
21 not to testify. In arriving at your verdict the law prohibits  
22 you from considering in any manner that the defendant did not  
23 testify.

24 Proof beyond a reasonable doubt is proof that leaves you  
25 firmly convinced the defendant is guilty. It is not required

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1 that the government prove guilt beyond all possible doubt.

2 A reasonable doubt is doubt based upon reason and common  
3 sense and is not based merely on speculation. It may arise  
4 from a careful and impartial consideration of all the evidence  
5 or from lack of evidence.

6 If after a careful and impartial consideration of all the  
7 evidence you are not convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that  
8 the defendant is guilty, it is your duty to find the defendant  
9 not guilty. On the other hand, if after a careful and  
10 impartial consideration of all the evidence you are convinced  
11 beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant is guilty, it is  
12 your duty to find the defendant guilty. The evidence you are  
13 to consider in deciding what the facts are consists of the  
14 sworn testimony of any witness, the exhibits received in  
15 evidence, and any facts to which the parties have agreed.

16 In reaching your verdict you may consider only the  
17 testimony and exhibits received in evidence. The following  
18 things are not evidence. And you may not consider them in  
19 deciding what the facts are:

20 Questions, statements, objections and arguments by the  
21 lawyers are not evidence. The lawyers are not witnesses.  
22 Although you must consider a lawyer's questions to understand  
23 the answers of a witness, the lawyer's questions are not  
24 evidence. Similarly, what the lawyers have said in their  
25 opening statements, will say in their closing arguments, and at



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1 other times is intended to help you interpret the evidence but  
2 it is not evidence. If the facts as you remember them differ  
3 from the way the lawyers state them, your memory of them  
4 controls.

5 Number two, any testimony that I've excluded, stricken or  
6 instructed you to disregard is not evidence. In addition, some  
7 evidence was received only for a limited purpose. When I have  
8 instructed you to consider certain evidence in a limited way,  
9 you must do so.

10 And number three, anything you may have seen or heard when  
11 the Court was not in session is not evidence. You are to  
12 decide the case solely on the evidence received at trial.

13 Evidence may be direct or circumstantial. Direct evidence  
14 is direct proof of a fact such as testimony by a witness about  
15 what that witness personally saw or heard or did.

16 Circumstantial evidence is indirect evidence. That is, it is  
17 proof of one or more facts from which you can find another  
18 fact. You're to consider both direct and circumstantial  
19 evidence. Either can be used to prove any fact. The law makes  
20 no distinction between the weight to be given to either direct  
21 or circumstantial evidence. It's for you to decide how much  
22 weight to give to any evidence.

23 In deciding the facts in this case you may have to decide  
24 which testimony to believe and which testimony not to believe.  
25 You may believe everything a witness says, or part of it, or

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1 none of it. In considering the testimony of any witness you  
2 may take into account the opportunity and ability of the  
3 witness to see or hear or know the things testified to. The  
4 witness's memory. The witness's manner while testifying. The  
5 witness's interest in the outcome of the case, if any. The  
6 witness's bias or prejudice, if any. Whether other evidence  
7 contradicted the witness's testimony. The reasonableness of  
8 the witness's testimony in light of all the evidence. And any  
9 other factors that bear on believability.

10 Sometimes a witness may say something that is not  
11 consistent with something else he or she said. Sometimes  
12 different witnesses will give different versions of what  
13 happened. People often forget things or make mistakes in what  
14 they remember. Also, two people may see the same event but  
15 remember it differently. You may consider these differences,  
16 but do not decide the testimony is untrue just because it  
17 differs from other testimony.

18 However, if you decide that a witness has deliberately  
19 testified untruthfully about something important, you may  
20 choose not to believe anything that witness said. On the other  
21 hand, if you think the witness testified untruthfully about  
22 some things but told the truth about others, you may accept the  
23 part you think is true and ignore the rest.

24 The weight of the evidence as to a fact does not  
25 necessarily depend on the number of witnesses who testify.

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1 What's important is how believable the witnesses were and how  
2 much weight you think their testimony deserves.

3 You are here only to determine whether the defendant is  
4 guilty or not guilty of the charge in the indictment. The  
5 defendant is not on trial for any conduct or offense not  
6 charged in the indictment.

7 The indictment charges that the offense alleged was  
8 committed on or about a certain date. Although it's necessary  
9 for the government to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the  
10 offense was committed on a date reasonably near the date  
11 alleged in the indictment, it's not necessary for the  
12 government to prove that the offense was committed precisely on  
13 the date charged.

14 You have heard testimony that the defendant made a  
15 statement. It's for you to decide whether the defendant made  
16 the statement and, if so, how much weight to give to it. In  
17 making those decisions you should consider all the evidence  
18 about the statement, including the circumstances under which  
19 the defendant may have made it.

20 The parties have agreed to certain facts that have been  
21 stated to you. Those facts are now conclusively established.

22 I have decided to accept as proved certain facts relating  
23 to the dates of court rulings on the legalization of gay  
24 marriage, even though no evidence was presented on this point,  
25 because those facts are of such common knowledge. You may

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1 accept these facts as true, but you are not required to do so.

2       You have heard recordings that have been received in  
3 evidence. Each of you was given a transcript of the recording  
4 to help you identify speakers and as a guide to help you listen  
5 to the recording. However, bear in mind that the recording is  
6 the evidence, not transcript. If you heard something different  
7 from what appears on the transcript, what you heard is  
8 controlling.

9       You have heard recordings that contained words in the  
10 Arabic language. A summary of the English translation of the  
11 Arabic words has been admitted into evidence.

12       Although some of you may know the Arabic language, it's  
13 important that all jurors consider the same evidence. The  
14 translation is the evidence, not the foreign language spoken in  
15 the recording. Therefore, you must accept the English  
16 translation contained in the exhibit and disregard any  
17 different meaning of the non-English words.

18       You have heard evidence that was received for a limited  
19 purpose. I instruct you that this evidence is admitted only  
20 for the limited purpose. And, therefore, you must consider it  
21 only for that limited purpose and not for any other purpose.

22       You have heard the testimony from Lorenzo Vidino and Marc  
23 Sageman who testified to opinions and the reasons for their  
24 opinions. This opinion testimony is allowed because of the  
25 education or the experience of these witnesses. Such opinion

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1 testimony should be judged like any other testimony. You may  
2 accept it or reject it and give it as much weight as you think  
3 it deserves considering the witness's education and experience,  
4 the reasons given for their opinions, and all of the other  
5 evidence in this case.

6 You have heard evidence that the defendant committed other  
7 acts not charged here. You may consider this evidence only for  
8 its bearing, if any, on the question of the defendant's intent,  
9 motive, opportunity, preparation, plan, knowledge, absence of  
10 mistake, absence of accident, and for no other purpose.

11 During the trial certain charts and summaries were shown  
12 to you in order to help explain the evidence in the case.  
13 These charts and summaries were not admitted into evidence and  
14 will not go into the jury room with you. They're not  
15 themselves evidence or proof of any facts. If they do not  
16 correctly reflect the facts or figures shown by the evidence in  
17 the case, you should disregard these charts and summaries and  
18 determine the facts from the underlying evidence.

19 Certain charts and summaries have been admitted into  
20 evidence. Charts and summaries are only as good as the  
21 underlying supporting material. You should, therefore, give  
22 them only such weight as you think the underlying material  
23 deserves.

24 The defendant is charged in the indictment with attempting  
25 to provide material support or resources to a foreign terrorist

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1 organization. In order for the defendant to be found guilty of  
2 that charge, the government must prove each of the following  
3 elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

4 First, beginning no later than June 2015 through on or  
5 about June 30, 2015, the defendant intended to commit the crime  
6 of providing material support or resources to a foreign  
7 terrorist organization; namely the al-Nusrah Front. And  
8 second, the defendant did something that was a substantial step  
9 toward committing the crime and that strongly corroborated the  
10 defendant's intent to commit the crime.

11 Mere preparation is not a substantial step toward  
12 committing the crime. To constitute a substantial step, a  
13 defendant's act or actions must demonstrate that the crime will  
14 take place unless interrupted by independent circumstances.

15 You do not need to agree unanimously as to which  
16 particular act or actions constituted a substantial step toward  
17 the commission of a crime.

18 So that you understand that the crime that the defendant  
19 is charged with attempting, I will now instruct you about the  
20 crime of providing material support or resources to a foreign  
21 terrorist organization.

22 The elements of that offense are: First, the defendant  
23 provided material support or resources. Second, the defendant  
24 provided this support or resources to the al-Nusrah Front.  
25 Third, the defendant acted knowingly. Fourth, the defendant

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1 knew that the al-Nusrah Front was either a designated foreign  
2 terrorist organization, or had engaged or was engaging in  
3 terrorist activity, or had engaged or was engaging in  
4 terrorism. Fifth, at least one of the following is true: The  
5 defendant is a national of the United States or an alien  
6 lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States,  
7 or the offense occurred in whole or in part within the  
8 United States, or the offense occurred in or affects interstate  
9 or foreign commerce.

10 With respect to the first element, the government must  
11 prove beyond a reasonable doubt that in attempting to provide  
12 material support or resources, the defendant intended to do so.  
13 Here, the government has alleged that the material support or  
14 resources was personnel; specifically, himself. The term  
15 "personnel" means one or more persons, which can include the  
16 defendant's own person. The defendant can be convicted for  
17 attempting to provide material support or resources in the form  
18 of personnel if you find that the defendant has knowingly  
19 attempted to provide himself to work under the al-Nusrah  
20 Front's direction or control.

21 However, the defendant cannot be convicted if he attempted  
22 to work entirely independently of the al-Nusrah Front to  
23 advance its goals and objectives, or if he merely intended to  
24 associate with the al-Nusrah Front or persons connected to the  
25 al-Nusrah Front without placing himself under their direction,

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1 coordination or control.

2       The second element you must find beyond a reasonable doubt  
3 is that Mr. Shafi attempted to provide these resources to a  
4 foreign terrorist organization; namely, the al-Nusrah Front.  
5 The term "foreign terrorist organization" has a particular  
6 meaning under this statute. In order for an organization to  
7 qualify as a foreign terrorist organization, the organization  
8 must have been designated as such by the Secretary of State  
9 through a process established by law.

10       I instruct you that the al-Nusrah Front has been  
11 designated a foreign terrorist organization by the Secretary of  
12 State and was so designated by the Secretary of State  
13 throughout the period covered by the indictment.

14       You must also find that the defendant acted knowingly. An  
15 act is done knowingly if the defendant is aware of the act and  
16 does not act through ignorance, mistake or accident. The  
17 government is not required to prove that the defendant knew  
18 that his acts or omissions were unlawful. You may consider  
19 evidence of the defendant's words, acts or omissions along with  
20 all the other evidence in deciding whether the defendant acted  
21 knowingly.

22       You must also find beyond a reasonable doubt is that in  
23 attempting to provide material support or resources to the  
24 al-Nusrah Front, the defendant did so knowingly and  
25 intentionally. I've already defined the term "knowingly" for



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1 you. For this element to be satisfied, the government must  
2 prove that the defendant knew one of the following three  
3 things:

4 One, that the al-Nusrah Front had been designated by the  
5 Secretary of State as a foreign terrorist organization. Or,  
6 two, that the al-Nusrah Front engaged in terrorist activity.  
7 Or, three, that the al-Nusrah Front engaged in terrorism.

8 For these purposes, the term "terrorist activity" means  
9 any of the following:

10 Hijacking or sabotage of an aircraft, vessel, vehicle,  
11 train or other conveyance. Or, seizing, detaining or  
12 threatening to kill, injure, or further detain another person  
13 to compel or coerce some third-party, including a government,  
14 to do or abstain from doing some act. Or, a violent attack  
15 upon a representative, officer, employee, or agent of a  
16 government or international organization or upon the liberty of  
17 such a person. Or, assassination. Or, use of any biological  
18 or chemical agent or nuclear weapon or device or explosive,  
19 firearm, or other weapon or dangerous devices, other than for  
20 mere personal monetary gain, with intent to endanger directly  
21 or indirectly the safety of one or more individuals, or to  
22 cause substantial damage to property. Or, a threat, attempt or  
23 conspiracy to do any of the foregoing.

24 A person or organization is engaged in terrorist activity  
25 where it commits, prepares or plans terrorist activity. Or,

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1 incites someone to commit terrorist activity under  
2 circumstances indicating an intention to cause death or serious  
3 bodily injury. Or, gathers information on potential targets  
4 for terrorist activity. Or, solicits funds or other things of  
5 value for terrorist activity or for a foreign terrorist  
6 organization. Or, solicits any individual to commit terrorist  
7 activity or join a foreign terrorist organization. Or, commits  
8 an act the person knows or reasonably should know affords  
9 material support, including a safe house, transportation,  
10 communications, funds, false documentation, weapons,  
11 explosives, training, or other support, for the commission of  
12 terrorist activity or to someone who has committed or plans to  
13 commit terrorist activity, or to a foreign terrorist  
14 organization.

15 For these purposes the term "terrorism" means  
16 premeditated, politically-motivated violence perpetrated  
17 against non-combatant targets by sub-national groups or  
18 clandestine agents.

19 I turn your attention now to the First Amendment to the  
20 United States Constitution which establishes certain rights  
21 which accrue to the defendant.

22 The First Amendment provides, in part, that Congress shall  
23 make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or  
24 prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom  
25 of speech, or of the press, or of the right of the people to be

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1 peaceably assembled. The right of freedom of speech and to  
2 engage in peaceful assembly extends to one's religion and one's  
3 politics. These rights do not include providing or attempting  
4 to provide material support to an organization which is engaged  
5 in terrorism or terrorist activity.

6 Ladies and gentlemen, those are the instructions that I'm  
7 going to give you before the argument of the lawyers. The one  
8 thing I want to show you is the verdict form that you will  
9 ultimately be asked to render. And I'll also tell you that  
10 during the closing statements what happens is the government  
11 will go first, then the defense will go, and then the  
12 government gets to conclude. And after that, I'll have a few  
13 more instructions for you and then you may go deliberate.

14 So here's the verdict form that you'll be asked to render.  
15 We, the jury, in the above-entitled case, unanimously find the  
16 defendant, Adam Shafi -- and then you will either check the box  
17 of "not guilty" or "guilty" of the charged offense, attempting  
18 to provide material support or resources, specifically  
19 personnel, to a designated foreign terrorist organization, the  
20 al-Nusrah Front, in violation of Title 18, United States Code,  
21 Section 2339B(a)(1). Then the foreperson whom you will choose  
22 will sign it and date it and it will be returned. And I'll  
23 tell you a little bit more about that at the end of the  
24 instructions.

25 So with that, Mr. Hasib.

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**MR. HASIB:** Members of the jury, whose words are these? Whose words are these: We are going to go even if we die on the way. I'm going to go there, man. I have to be with that guy, man.

(Audio was played but not reported.)

**MR. HASIB:** Whose words are they? Whose words are these: And I honestly -- I don't know what's going to happen in the future, but I'm -- I'm completely content with dying with those guys. Whoever kills us, I don't care. I'm completely content with that.

Whose words are those?

(Audio was played but not reported.)

**MR. HASIB:** Whose words are they? They're not my words. They're not the words of the FBI. They're not the words of Abdul Qadar Niazi. They're not the words of Saleem Karim. Those are the words of the defendant, Adam Shafi.

Those, members of the jury, are the words of a man who had found his purpose. He had found his calling in life. He had found his destiny. Those are the words of a man who is ready to join the al-Nusrah Front, ready to support the al-Nusrah Front, ready to fly to Turkey and then cross into Syria to work with the al-Nusrah Front, ready to live with the al-Nusrah Front; and as you have now heard, ready to die with the al-Nusrah Front.

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1 Those are the words of the defendant, Adam Shafi.

2 Now, you've heard, what? Six days worth of testimony,  
3 right? And you just had a lot of law read to you. You've  
4 taken in a lot. You've listened. You've seen exhibits.  
5 There's a lot that's happened in the last six days. But  
6 really, this whole case, it can be boiled down to one very  
7 simple question: Why was Adam Shafi getting on that plane?  
8 June 30, 2015, Turkish Airlines flight, ready to leave for  
9 Istanbul. They're paging. They're calling his name: Adam  
10 Shafi, please come to the gate agent.

11 It all comes down to one simple question. Why was he  
12 getting on that plane? That's it.

13 If you think that he was getting on that plane to go and  
14 lead a pious Muslim life in another country, and that's it,  
15 then go into that jury room and acquit. Find him not guilty.  
16 If you think that he was getting on that plane because he was  
17 horrified by the evils of gay marriage and he wanted to move to  
18 a country where that was not possible, if you think that's why  
19 he was getting on that plane and that's it, then he's not  
20 guilty. Go in there and vote not guilty.

21 Those things may well have been true. He may have been  
22 getting on a plane to go move to another country, to escape an  
23 overbearing father, to escape gay marriage, to go lead a pious  
24 Muslim life. All of those things may well be true. But they  
25 do not erase the incontrovertible fact of what he said on those

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1 calls. And that is how you know -- how you know -- that above  
2 all else the reason Adam Shafi was getting on that plane was to  
3 go to Syria and join the al-Nusrah Front. To join them, to  
4 support them, to work with them, to live with them, and to die  
5 with them. That is why he was getting on that plane. That is  
6 what the law very specifically says you cannot do. And that is  
7 what you must find him guilty of.

8 I just mentioned the law. Let's talk a little bit about  
9 the law. You heard a lot from His Honor just now. And just so  
10 we're crystal clear, anything that I say about the law -- or  
11 for that matter anything the defense attorneys say about the  
12 law -- doesn't matter. The law in this case comes from one  
13 place and one place only (indicating), from Judge Orrick. So  
14 what he said, that's what counts. Anything that I say that  
15 would differ from that -- hopefully nothing differs -- but  
16 anything you hear that's different you go with what he says.

17 Now, with that in mind, we walked through the nature of  
18 the charge here a little bit. Let's walk through it one more  
19 time. The defendant here is charged with attempting to provide  
20 material support and resources, in other words personnel, in  
21 other words himself, to a foreign terrorist organization,  
22 specifically the al-Nusrah Front. Attempting to provide  
23 himself to the al-Nusrah Front. That's what the charge here  
24 is.

25 Now, we saw a moment ago when Judge Orrick was reading you

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1 the instructions he talked about attempt. Now attempt is a  
2 word -- as you can well imagine it's got some very important  
3 legal significance. And you heard about what those elements or  
4 building blocks of an attempt charge are. You saw there were  
5 two of them.

6 Go back to your instructions. You'll see there are two  
7 elements that the government has to prove beyond a reasonable  
8 doubt in order to show that someone is guilty of an attempt.  
9 For this case in particular, we'd have to show that in the time  
10 frame that Judge Orrick read -- in June of 2015 -- the  
11 defendant intended to commit the crime of providing material  
12 support or resources, i.e., personnel, i.e., himself, to the  
13 al-Nusrah Front. That's element number one.

14 Element number 2 is that he did something that was a  
15 substantial step. We'll talk in a moment about what a  
16 substantial step is. But those are the two elements of  
17 attempt.

18 Now, Judge Orrick walked you through that first term that  
19 is in bold face there, providing material support or resources,  
20 personnel, himself. You saw that there were five sort of sub  
21 elements of that offense. Let's walk through those again,  
22 because providing material support and resources it's not  
23 something that maybe is intuitive unless you happen to be a  
24 lawyer or keenly attuned to the world of terrorism. It's not  
25 something that's maybe natural to you.

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1        If this was a case of attempted bank robbery, everybody  
2 knows what a bank robbery is. Person walks into a bank, sticks  
3 the gun out, says, Give me the money, gets the money, and walks  
4 out. That's the bank robbery. Providing material support and  
5 resources, that's a little more nuanced, so let's walk it one  
6 more time.

7        As Judge Orrick read to you, there are five sort of sub  
8 elements of material support or resources. Number one, the  
9 defendant provided material support or resources, or personnel.  
10 Provided that support to a foreign terrorist organization;  
11 here, the al-Nusrah Front. Number three, the defendant acted  
12 knowingly. Number four, the defendant knew that the al-Nusrah  
13 Front was a designated foreign terrorist organization or  
14 engaged in terrorist activity. And number five, at least one  
15 of the following is true, and Judge Orrick read you a list of  
16 three possible ways to satisfy that fifth element. He said if  
17 the defendant is a U.S. citizen; or if the offense occurred in  
18 whole or in part in the United States; and I actually removed  
19 the third one. It said if the acts was involved in interstate  
20 or foreign commerce. You'll see in a moment why I removed that  
21 third one.

22        But that in a nutshell is the offense of providing  
23 material support. That is what it is alleged that the  
24 defendant attempted to do. Did he intend to provide material  
25 support or resources in the form of himself? And did he intend



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1 to provide that to the al-Nusrah Front? That's what you're  
2 looking for.

3 Now, the second element of attempt -- remember, there's  
4 two elements of an attempt. The first part is did he intend to  
5 commit this crime providing material support? And the second  
6 part is, did he take a substantial step? Did he do something?  
7 And it means more than just doing something. It means was he  
8 going all the way? Was he going to do it but for being  
9 interrupted?

10 Substantial step is not just sitting in your room and  
11 thinking, Maybe I'll join al-Nusrah Front. That's not enough.  
12 Substantial step is not doing research on the al-Nusrah Front  
13 on the internet. Nowhere near enough. Was he going to go all  
14 the way but for some intervening circumstance? Was he stopped?  
15 Would he have gotten there if he hadn't been stopped? That's  
16 what we're looking for for substantial step. So it's  
17 substantial.

18 All right. That's the law in a nutshell. And like I  
19 said, don't take my word for it, don't take their word for it  
20 (indicating), take his word for it (indicating.) Whatever he  
21 says, that's the law.

22 So let's shift gears a little bit. Talked about the law,  
23 let's now turn to the facts. The evidence. The testimony.  
24 All the stuff that you heard over the last six days, all the  
25 witnesses. All the documents you looked at. All the

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1 recordings you heard.

2 And let me give you, before we dive deep into it, let me  
3 give you a couple of -- well, sort of some housekeeping bits of  
4 advice. Number one, you saw the judge was talking about charts  
5 and summaries, some of which have been entered into evidence  
6 and some of which have not. Let me tell you right now one of  
7 the charts and summaries that you will not have -- you will not  
8 have when you go back to that jury room -- is the one that I  
9 know you were all flipping through when Special Agent Reinke  
10 testified. His timeline. You will not have that with you when  
11 you go back into the jury room. So this is your opportunity if  
12 you want to take notes, jot down exhibit numbers, dates. This  
13 is your opportunity to do that because you will not have his  
14 timeline back there.

15 You also -- at the beginning of this case I told you  
16 you're going to hear a lot of evidence but it really comes down  
17 to the calls. Comes down to the audio that you heard. You  
18 heard, in particular, 15 calls. And here's a quick chart  
19 summarizing those 15 calls, the witness through which you heard  
20 those calls, and a quick summary of what those calls were  
21 about.

22 Government Exhibit No. 1. That was the first call that  
23 you heard. The Arabic linguist, Linda Butros, testified about  
24 a call where Abul Qadar Niazi calls Adam Shafi and they talk  
25 about the (Arabic) of (Arabic). And they go back and forth a

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1 little bit about how to spell (*Arabic*) in Arabic and English.  
2 That was Government Exhibit No. 1. That was a call on  
3 January 2, 2015.

4 You also heard Government Exhibit 2, which was a call on  
5 February 14, 2015. That was another call between the defendant  
6 and Abul Qadar Niazi. And that was another call that you  
7 heard -- I think it was the first day you were here through  
8 Arabic linguist, Linda Butros. That was a call where the  
9 defendant and Abul Qadar Niazi talk about meeting up in Egypt  
10 and then laugh about: Just like we did last summer. And they  
11 talk about a Bosnian man who's imprisoned by the FBI.

12 The third call you heard was March 10, 2015. That call  
13 you heard from Special Agent Matt Sung. That was a call where  
14 the defendant and Abdul Qadar Niazi talked about a shooting  
15 range.

16 Calls number four and five were the first two calls you  
17 heard through Special Agent Chris Reinke. Those were in June  
18 of 2015. In those calls you heard references to Mexico and  
19 going to airports in Mexico City.

20 Then there's Government Exhibit 6. Government Exhibit 6,  
21 June 5, 2015, at 2:41 a.m. That's the call. That's the one  
22 that you heard about an hour's worth of it almost nonstop.  
23 That's the one. That's the one where you hear the defendant  
24 talking about Mohammad al-Joulani, talking about al-Nusrah  
25 Front, talking about how much he's in love with that guy.

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1 That's the call. Exhibit No. 6.

2 Government Exhibit No. 7 was a call between defendant and  
3 Saleem Karim on June 8. You heard from both the Arabic  
4 linguist, Linda Butros, and Chris Reinke about a dream that the  
5 defendant had in which he got married, left his wife in *Halab*,  
6 or Aleppo. You heard on cross-examination Special Agent Reinke  
7 played some calls about Death Valley and Yosemite and going  
8 camping and things of that nature.

9 Exhibit No. 8, a call to Saleem Karim, it's a short call,  
10 June 15, 2015. The defendant says he needs to spill a couple  
11 gallons of blood for *Allah*.

12 Exhibit No. 9, June 17, you heard this call through the  
13 Arabic linguist, Ms. Linda Butros. That's the call where the  
14 defendant and his friend, Saleem Karim, talk about they're  
15 jealous about a man who died in Syria.

16 Government Exhibit No. 10 is the Burma call. You'll hear  
17 about that in a moment. It's June 23. Another call on  
18 June 23, Government Exhibit 11, the defendant asks his friend,  
19 Saleem Karim, how long are they going to have to delay? You  
20 heard that through Special Agent Chris Reinke.

21 Government Exhibit 12, June 26, 2015. This is a three-way  
22 call. You heard the defendant talking to his buddy, Saleem  
23 Karim, and you heard Abdul Qadar Niazi in the background. And  
24 the defendant was unsure about when they're all going to have  
25 enough.

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1       The last three calls you heard through Special Agent Matt  
2 Sung. Those are the calls that you heard occurred after the  
3 incident at the airport, June 30, 2015, and one call on June 1,  
4 2015. Those are the two calls on the BART train. First the  
5 defendant calls his brother, talks about being stopped at the  
6 airport. Then he calls his buddy, Abdul Qadar Niazi. Again  
7 talks about being stopped at the airport. And finally, there's  
8 a long call on July 1, 2015, where he talks to Saleem Karim  
9 about what happened the previous day.

10       So those are your 15 calls that you've heard evidence  
11 about.

12       So those are my two housekeeping issues. Number one,  
13 you're not going to get the timeline. And number two, those  
14 are your 15 calls you heard and are in evidence.

15       So let's dive into some of the facts and how the facts in  
16 this case fit the law that you just heard.

17       And Special Agent Reinke, if you could put up the two  
18 enlarged charts there of the attempt and material support  
19 statutes.

20       So you'll notice that of these elements that are building  
21 blocks of the law that you need to look at -- there are quite a  
22 few -- there's really not much argument about at all. For  
23 example, look at the bottom of that second charge, material  
24 support or resources. The fifth element the government has to  
25 show that at least one of the following is true: The defendant

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1 is a U.S. citizen or the offense occurred in whole or in part  
2 in the United States.

3 Well, when you go back to the jury room you will have this  
4 (indicating), Government Exhibit 120. Take a look through it.  
5 See whose name is on it. See whose photograph is on it. Take  
6 a look at some of the passport stamps. You'll have this  
7 (indicating.)

8 There's really no dispute about the fact that this offense  
9 occurred in whole or in part in the United States. Almost all  
10 the testimony that you heard about June 30 was -- all of the  
11 testimony you heard about June 30 happened right here in the  
12 bay area, right? San Francisco, Fremont, SFO. So that fifth  
13 element. There's not much dispute about that.

14 How about the fourth element? Defendant knew that  
15 al-Nusrah Front was a designated foreign terrorist organization  
16 or engaged in terrorist activity.

17 Well, recall when Special Agent Reinke was on the stand  
18 the parties read into evidence a stipulation. Actually, I  
19 think the judge read into evidence the stipulation. And the  
20 stipulation was essentially that the parties agree that the  
21 al-Nusrah Front is a designated foreign terrorist organization.  
22 They are listed. They are a bad group. You cannot join them.  
23 That's what that stipulation was about.

24 As for the defendant knowing that the al-Nusrah Front was  
25 a designated foreign terrorist organization. Well, recall you

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1 had Dr. Vidino on the stand yesterday. Dr. Vidino talked about  
2 this lengthy interview on Al Jazeera where the interviewer --  
3 it's kind of like -- he said it was like putting it on CNN or  
4 Frontline or something like that. The interview with Mohammad  
5 al-Joulani and how it looked all official and stuff. Flag, and  
6 sort of legitimized Mohammad al-Joulani and al-Nusrah Front.

7 And in the course of that discussion, you heard Dr. Vidino  
8 tell you that one of things they talked about frequently in  
9 that interview was they asked al-Joulani: What do you think  
10 about the fact that the U.S. has designated you as a foreign  
11 terrorist organization?

12 And that came up repeatedly in their interview. And you  
13 know from having listened to that call on June 5 how intently  
14 the defendant watched that interview because he recites it in  
15 great detail to his buddy, Saleem Karim. You watched that  
16 interview closely. You know it. So remember what Dr. Vidino  
17 told you about that interview on Al Jazeera. They talk about  
18 al-Nusrah Front being a designated foreign terrorist  
19 organization.

20 Recall also that in that late night phone with Saleem  
21 Karim the defendant talks about how al-Joulani couldn't show  
22 his face on TV. And how the interviewer asked him, How come I  
23 can't see your face? How come we've disguised you? There was  
24 a discussion there about, well, Joulani can't let anyone know  
25 what he looks like because the CIA might blow him up.

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1           What is that? Knowledge that someone is a designated  
2 foreign terrorist organization, or knowledge that someone is  
3 part of a designated foreign terrorist organization. Why else  
4 is the CIA trying to blow him up?

5           So that's -- the first three elements there -- I'm  
6 sorry -- the last three elements there of the material support  
7 statute, there's kind of not much disagreement about.

8           Defendant acted knowingly. Did you hear any evidence that  
9 he was planning on heading to Cancun and mistakenly bought a  
10 ticket to Istanbul? This is not a case about mistake or  
11 accident. He knew where he was going. I don't think you'll  
12 hear any evidence that this was some mistake, he didn't really  
13 mean to go to Turkey after all and cross into Syria.

14           So the first three elements there there's not going to be  
15 much disagreement about. What it comes down to is those first  
16 two elements of material support combined with the attempt.  
17 Did the defendant attempt to provide material support,  
18 personnel, and did he attempt to provide it to the al-Nusrah  
19 Front?

20           And remember what Judge Orrick told you about the meaning  
21 of the word "personnel." It means a person. It means a body.  
22 But it also means a body provided with a very specific purpose.  
23 A person who is going to be under the direction or control of  
24 that terrorist organization. Mere association is not enough.  
25 Go back to that instruction. Mere association is not enough.



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1 And acting independently of the foreign terrorist organization  
2 is also not enough. Those are legal activities. Going and  
3 hanging out with people from al-Nusrah Front might be  
4 distasteful to you, but that's totally legal.

5 Researchers, Dr. Vidino, Dr. Sageman, they go and talk to  
6 terrorists all the time, right? They both testified about  
7 that. That's association with a terrorist, but that's not  
8 illegal. Mere association not enough.

9 Independently working to achieve an organization's goals,  
10 not enough. You have to intend to place yourself under the  
11 direction or control of the organization. That is what you  
12 need. Personnel being provided under the direction or control  
13 of the organization.

14 That's a lot of legalese. But those two elements,  
15 everything I just said, it can be, again, really boiled down to  
16 one simple question that you can ask yourselves when you go  
17 back in there. Why was he getting on that plane? That's what  
18 this is about. If he was getting on that plane to put himself  
19 under the direction and control of the al-Nusrah Front, that's  
20 material support.

21 Let's walk through the evidence. Let's dive in a little  
22 deeper about how you know what the defendant's purpose was when  
23 he was getting on that plane? How do you get inside his head?  
24 Obviously, you're not mind readers. How do you get inside  
25 someone's head and figure out what they're intending to do?

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1 Well, you can listen to what they say on the phone.

2 That's a good place to start. You already heard a couple of  
3 clips from that June 5 phone call, that late night phone call  
4 with Saleem Karim, about how defendant was completely content  
5 dying with al-Nusrah.

6 Let's hear the first couple of minutes of that call just  
7 to refresh your recollections how it all starts, how they get  
8 into this conversation.

9 (Audio was played but not reported.)

10 **MR. HASIB:** That's Government Exhibit 6 at the  
11 beginning to about three minutes in. I love that guy so much.  
12 That's the first time you heard the voice of Adam Shafi saying  
13 that, and you would hear that no fewer than nine additional  
14 times over the course of that call how much he loves Mohammad  
15 al-Joulani.

16 I'm not going to play further clips from this call. You  
17 can, of course, request to hear additional parts of it when  
18 you're back in the jury room. But you all heard it the first  
19 time. You remember it. You remember hearing how much he's in  
20 love with Mohammad al-Joulani, how enamored he was with the  
21 al-Nusrah Front, how they had found the right way to fight in  
22 Syria. ISIS, those guys, they're street thugs; but al-Nusrah,  
23 they're kind of like the thinking man's terrorist group. They  
24 don't go out and fight people just because. They fight when  
25 they are called to fight. Random acts of violence, that's not

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1 their thing.

2 Do you remember, now that you've refreshed your memories  
3 about this call, remember Dr. Vidino's testimony about the  
4 al-Nusrah Front, where it comes from? It's an offshoot of  
5 al-Qaeda. It's an offshoot -- it's -- they all come out of the  
6 same pot. All of these groups. But al-Nusrah, that's the sort  
7 of refined one. They're seeking legitimacy. That's why we're  
8 putting their leader up on Al Jazeera television so they can  
9 get that sort of facade of officialness. Really what they're  
10 doing is they're fighting just like everyone else. But it's  
11 that officialness, it's that refined nature. Listen to that  
12 call. That's what draws Adam Shafi to al-Nusrah.

13 He and Saleem Karim, they're both horrified by ISIS. And  
14 rightly so. But al-Nusrah, those guys are different. Those  
15 guys are better.

16 You also heard in this call, this June 5 call, one of the  
17 reasons why Adam Shafi became so intent joining al-Nusrah in  
18 2015 is because of his previous trip in 2014. Recall you heard  
19 a whole lot of evidence about the 2014 trip, the failed  
20 attempt. Adam Shafi and Abdul Qadar Niazi and Saleem Karim,  
21 they all plan flights, they plan to land in Istanbul on the  
22 same day in 2014. August of 2014.

23 Shafi flies from Cairo. Has Karim buy his ticket for him.  
24 Flies on Royal Jordanian. Abdul Qadar Niazi buys a ticket on  
25 American. Ends up flying through Amsterdam, but makes it to

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1 Istanbul. Saleem Karim books himself a ticket, too, on United.  
2 And you'll have all the flight records back there with you.  
3 They're all in evidence. Saleem Karim buys himself a ticket,  
4 but bails out at the last minute.

5 So it's the two of them, Abdul Qadar Niazi and Adam Shafi,  
6 in Istanbul in 2014. And you hear in this call, this call a  
7 few months later, June 2015, you hear some of what happened  
8 there in Istanbul.

9 (Audio was played but not reported.)

10 **MR. HASIB:** Yeah, yeah, that's probably what it was.  
11 But *subhan Allah* -- and you'll have that translation chart back  
12 there with you -- means praise God. Was that guy who was going  
13 to take us to *Jabhat al-Nusrah*. Yeah, Karim replies. And  
14 then: You didn't want to go. Shafi says: Yeah.

15 That's why you heard all that evidence about the 2014  
16 trip, members of the jury. Adam Shafi's not charged with doing  
17 anything in 2014. But does it illustrate what he was trying to  
18 do in 2015? Absolutely. Absolutely. He missed the boat the  
19 first time, he wasn't going to miss it again.

20 That call, members of the jury -- that June 5 late night  
21 call between Adam Shafi and Saleem Karim -- that alone tells  
22 you why Adam Shafi was getting on that airplane. That alone  
23 gives you the window into his mind. The determination, the  
24 conviction.

25 But there's more. There's lots more.

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1       You've got the statements that Adam Shafi made to law  
2 enforcement at the airport. June 13 -- June 30, 2015, at the  
3 airport you heard from two witnesses, Special Agent Glen  
4 Bartolomei, he was -- he had some big framed glasses -- and  
5 Special Agent Mark Mauro testified right after him. That was,  
6 I think, the first or second day you were here. And they told  
7 you about the scene at the gate. Gate G97. They told you  
8 about Adam Shafi's name being called over the intercom. They  
9 told you about going up to Adam Shafi while he was in line  
10 getting ready to get on that flight. They asked him, Would you  
11 step aside, please? And he did. And they took him to the  
12 interview room. And they talked with him a little bit about  
13 what's he doing? Where's he going? Why's he going there?

14       And at one point you heard -- another agent who showed up,  
15 Special Agent Chris Monika. At one point you heard the agents  
16 straight up asked him: Are you going to Turkey to cross into  
17 Syria and join *Jabhat al-Nusrah*, or ISIS, or some other foreign  
18 terrorist organization? And what did Adam Shafi say? He said,  
19 No. Well, that was a lie. That was a lie.

20       How do you know that? Well, for starters, it wasn't the  
21 first time that Adam Shafi had lied to law enforcement about  
22 his travels. Go back to 2014. You had those Customs and  
23 Border Patrol officers stopping Adam Shafi and Abdul Qadar  
24 Niazi at the airport and talking to them. Why did you go to  
25 Turkey? What are you doing there? And Adam Shafi on that

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1 first occasion when he's talking to Officer Mon says -- he says  
2 he went to Turkey, visited mosques, he was concerned about the  
3 refugees, and he said he lost his phone. He lost his phone in  
4 Cairo. That's what he tells Officer Mon.

5 That wasn't true back in 2014. How do you know? Because  
6 Special Agent Reinke testified that he's looked at Adam Shafi's  
7 phone, and he's seen pictures from 2014 from the Blue Mosque  
8 and the Hagia Sophia. So Adam Shafi lied to Officer Mon in  
9 2014. And then when the agents asked him in 2015, Why are you  
10 going to Turkey? Are you going to cross into Syria? He lied  
11 again. He said, No.

12 How else do you know that Shafi was lying? Well, he told  
13 the agents that he was concerned about the direction of  
14 politics in the country, and he specifically mentioned the  
15 recent -- well, then recent Supreme Court ruling legalizing gay  
16 marriage. And that's why he wanted to leave.

17 Well, if that's why he was leaving the country, how come  
18 he's not googling about gay marriage? How come he's not  
19 googling the decision? How come he's not googling which  
20 countries is gay marriage legal? Which countries is gay  
21 marriage prohibited?

22 For that matter, he tells the agents he wanted to go and  
23 live in a country with like-minded people. Like-minded  
24 Muslims. Why go to Turkey? You've heard no evidence he speaks  
25 Turkish. Why go to Turkey, of all places? How about Saudi

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1 Arabia? They speak Arabic in Saudi Arabia. You heard the  
2 defense investigator went and met Adam Shafi's family in Cairo.  
3 He's got family in Saudi Arabia, he's got family in Mecca, the  
4 holiest of holy cities in Islam. He's got family there. Why  
5 not get on a plane and go to Saudi if you're that intent on  
6 going to lead a pious Muslim life. There's no place that's  
7 more conservative Muslim than Saudi Arabia.

8 No, he lied. Those weren't the reasons he was going to  
9 Turkey. Not to escape gay marriage, not to lead a pious Muslim  
10 life. He lied. He lied to hide his intent. His intent was to  
11 go to Turkey, to cross into Syria, to join the al-Nusrah Front.

12 What's the best evidence? Well, it comes from the calls.  
13 It all comes down to the calls. Adam Shafi on the way home  
14 he's intercepted at the airport by Special Agent Glen  
15 Bartolomei. They interview him, his flight takes off. They  
16 walk him to the BART station, they put him on the BART train,  
17 and he starts making calls.

18 His first call is to his brother.

19 (Audio was played but not reported.)

20 **MR. HASIB:** I can't go anywhere else. I can't fight  
21 or nothing. Are those the words of someone fleeing gay  
22 marriage? Are those the words of someone wanting to lead a  
23 pious Muslim life? No. Those are the words of someone who  
24 wanted to go and join the fight. I can't fight or nothing.  
25 Those are the words of a man who was going to join the

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1 al-Nusrah Front. To go join the fight.

2 And he says something interesting here. He says, I'd  
3 rather just be in jail, bro. Which brings us to a man you  
4 heard a little bit about, and it came in through a bunch of  
5 different witnesses so it may not have made much sense to you  
6 at the time. It brings us to a man named Armin Harcevic.

7 You heard a little bit about Armin Harcevic. You heard,  
8 for example, when Ms. Butros, the Arabic linguist, was  
9 testifying. We played some calls through her. One of the  
10 calls you heard was Government Exhibit 2 dated February 15,  
11 2015. You heard a clip, it was about three-minute clip from  
12 five minutes, 49 seconds, to about 8 minutes, 49 seconds.

13 And you heard Adam Shafi talking about how there was a  
14 Bosnian brother. Bosnian brother had been collecting clothes  
15 and doing charity and had been picked up by the FBI and had  
16 been put in jail for sending clothes and that charity to  
17 *Dawlah*, is the phrase they use on the call. *Dawlah*, you heard,  
18 is a shorthand way of referring to the Islamic state. And you  
19 heard in that call Adam Shafi was seething at the FBI. He was  
20 upset. How could this Bosnian brother who was doing so much  
21 good, how could the FBI just pick him up and put him in jail?

22 You then heard there was a Santa Clara deputy sheriff, I  
23 think he was, who came and testified that, in fact, about a  
24 month after this call, Government Exhibit 2, on March 15, 2015,  
25 someone at the Santa Clara County Jail named Armin Harcevic



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1 received a visitor. You heard that the visitor was Adam Shafi.  
2 And then there's this a few days before Adam Shafi's flight to  
3 Turkey.

4 Ms. Lamparelli, if you could hit the next slide.

5 You'll have this in evidence after you go back. These are  
6 the text messages Special Agent Reinke testified about and that  
7 you then you saw briefly -- yesterday morning, it was.

8 Government Exhibit 144-010.

9 And you heard Special Agent Reinke testify that these were  
10 text messages pulled from the phone of Adam Shafi and where it  
11 said "sent," that indicated that the person using that phone  
12 had sent a message. And where it said "inbox," that was the  
13 reply.

14 If you read through those text messages on June 20, 2015,  
15 ten days -- ten days -- before he heads to the airport, tries  
16 to fly to Turkey, Adam Shafi sends a message: Dude, Armin is  
17 still in jail. What the hell are we doing? The reply comes  
18 back: What can we do? A couple of lines later Mr. Shafi says:  
19 IDK, but this isn't right. How can I enjoy anything while he's  
20 locked up in a cage? The reader replies: I don't enjoy  
21 anything. And Shafi says: Me, too. And it continues.

22 Shafi says: Dude he's in a freaking cage. We have to do  
23 something. Honestly, sometimes feel like if there's really  
24 nothing I can do, I'd just rather be with him in the cage. At  
25 least he won't be alone.

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1       The recipient says: You think they would put you in the  
2 same cage, LOL? The reply: Even if it's not the same cage, at  
3 least I'll be going through what he's going through instead of  
4 just eating my fancy meals and sleeping in my fancy house while  
5 he's in a cage. If there's nothing I can do, then that's what  
6 I should do IA. That would make me feel better, dying like  
7 that, instead of like this.

8       The recipient of those text messages, out of nowhere, kind  
9 of randomly blurts out: Burma. The reply: That works, too.  
10 Burma.

11       This series of text messages, this may well have been the  
12 last straw. This may have been what tipped Adam Shafi over the  
13 edge to go and finally commit and make that flight, make that  
14 purchase to buy that ticket.

15       But the reference to Burma brings us to something else.  
16 You see, person on the other end of these text messages is kind  
17 of trying to change the subject. Let's talk about something  
18 else. How about Burma?

19       Special Agent Reinke told you that based on his  
20 investigation and his work with Arabic linguists, these text  
21 messages were with Saleem Karim. There's a phone call where  
22 Saleem Karim and Adam Shafi talk about Burma. So clearly, it  
23 had been a topic of discussion and Mr. Shafi had given it some  
24 thought. And in this phone call that you're about to hear  
25 Mr. Shafi tells his friend, Karim: Burma's not going to work.

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1 They'd have to learn Burmese. They'd have to learn Burmese.  
2 And Karim replies: I'm sure we'll find some people who know  
3 English in Burma. But that's not enough for Adam Shafi. We  
4 would have to learn Burmese. And then there's this:

5 (Audio was played but not reported.)

6 **MR. HASIB:** I really wanted to kill some, like,  
7 fricking people that were, ah, like, supporting America or --  
8 or American soldiers or something.

9 Are those the words of a man who's upset about gay  
10 marriage? Are those the words of someone just looking to lead  
11 a peaceful Islamic life? No. Those are not words of peace.  
12 Those are words of death and fighting and killing.

13 There's more. There's more evidence demonstrating to you  
14 why Adam Shafi was getting on that plane. You have, for  
15 example, the searches in his Google history. You have his  
16 YouTube history back there. Go through it. There's a lot  
17 there. A lot of it is innocuous. A lot of it is stuff that  
18 you would expect a young man to be searching for on the  
19 internet. Directions to the local gym, classes on coding, what  
20 time prayers are that day.

21 But a lot of it is not so innocuous. You heard about his  
22 searches of places like Gaziantep in Turkey. And Urfa and Ar  
23 Raqqa in Syria.

24 And you saw this map over and over again where some of  
25 those places are highlighted from his Google search history,

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1 from his YouTube search history, and from places that he  
2 traveled. Sharm al-Sheikh, Cairo.

3 But take a look at that Turkish-Syrian border there right  
4 in the second third of the page towards the right. Look at all  
5 those places. That's what he's looking for. That's where he  
6 wants to go. Why else is he looking for Karkamis Sinir Kapisi,  
7 Turkey? You heard Special Agent Reinke testify it's a border  
8 town on the Turkish-Syrian border. You heard how he looked  
9 up -- another Google search that Mr. Shafi had in his search  
10 history for a bank that was located just a couple hundred yards  
11 from the border. Why else is Mr. Shafi doing those searches if  
12 his intent was not to cross into Syria and join a terrorist  
13 organization? Why else is he looking for all these border  
14 crossings?

15 You also have the visit to the gun range. You saw the  
16 receipts from the visit to the gun range in April of 2015 that  
17 were recovered from Mr. Shafi's residence. And you heard the  
18 defense expert this morning, Dr. Sageman, talking about how,  
19 yeah, looking for target practice that's something he'd be  
20 concerned with. He hemmed and hawed a little bit. If it was  
21 Europe, that might be more of interest to him. There's far  
22 fewer guns in Europe than there are in this country. There's  
23 less enthusiasm for going to a shooting range. But he said it.  
24 Going to a shooting range, what was something that caught his  
25 attention. He even said, Yeah, that's one of the things I

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1 underlined in my notes there.

2 What else have you got? Next slide.

3 You've got the ticket that he bought. The ticket itself.  
4 This is the Turkish Airlines records that Special Agent Reinke  
5 testified about. Up on the top there, highlighted in yellow,  
6 you can see, first of all, passenger name, pax name, Shafi,  
7 Adam. And then in yellow, issued on 20150629. Issued on the  
8 day before he went to the airport. The day before.

9 Why is that interesting? Go back to that 2014 trip. He  
10 didn't want anyone to know he was going from Turkey -- from  
11 Cairo to Istanbul. Right? So he has his buddy, Saleem Karim,  
12 buy his ticket for him. That way anyone who might be looking  
13 at his credit card statements -- say, a concerned parent --  
14 wouldn't see a charge. Same MO here in 2015. Buys the ticket  
15 the day before travel. No one's going to know. By the time  
16 they find out it's going to be too late. He's gone to Turkey  
17 and crossed into Syria.

18 How else do you know what Adam Shafi's intent was when he  
19 was getting on that plane? How else? You have the reactions  
20 of his family members.

21 Mother, father, there's a reference to an uncle. Uncle  
22 Usama. You have their reactions. They know Adam Shafi better  
23 than anyone.

24 (Audio was played but not reported.)

25 **MR. HASIB:** Why would parents have a prearranged plan

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1 to send a family member thousands of miles away to an airport  
2 in Istanbul to go and intercept their son? And not let him out  
3 of the airport? Why would they have that plan? Because they  
4 knew, members of the jury. They knew their son better than  
5 anybody. And parents know. Right? Some parents have a sixth  
6 sense. These parents, they had a sixth, a seventh, and an  
7 eighth. They knew. And they wanted to stop him. They did  
8 everything they could to stop him.

9 My mother used to tell me she had eyes in the back of her  
10 head. And that's how she knew when I was getting myself into  
11 trouble. And parents know even more when their kids are  
12 getting into trouble, they know even more when their kids are  
13 about to put themselves in physical danger. That sets the  
14 alarm bells going off like only a parent would know. That's  
15 how you know what Adam Shafi was planning on doing when he got  
16 on that plane. That's how you know.

17 One more reason why you know what his intent was when he  
18 got on that plane, and it's perhaps the most compelling one.

19 This call that you just heard, Government Exhibit 13, this  
20 is June 30, 2015, on the BART train home from the airport. The  
21 next call you're about to hear is July 1, 2015. It's  
22 Government Exhibit 15. It's the following day. And it's a  
23 long conversation between Adam Shafi and who else? His buddy,  
24 Saleem Karim. The guy that he woke up in the middle of the  
25 night to say: I just watched a two-hour interview with

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1 Mohammad al-Joulani. I'm so excited.

2 Who else would he call? The following day, July 1, 2015,  
3 he calls Karim. And Karim -- recall when you heard this with  
4 Special Agent Matt Sung who was on the stand when you heard  
5 this call the first time, Karim -- he's upset. He's upset with  
6 Adam Shafi. He's upset for a bunch of reasons. He's upset  
7 because Adam Shafi went without him. And the three of them had  
8 been talking about going back together. He's also upset  
9 because his friend betrayed him. It's not so much the fact  
10 that Adam Shafi went out him, it's the fact that Adam Shafi  
11 didn't tell him he was going.

12 But then you will hear Karim's upset because as he tells  
13 Adam Shafi, You went for all the wrong reasons. And you will  
14 hear Adam Shafi agree with him and say, Yeah, it was wrong. It  
15 was wrong.

16 (Audio was played but not reported.)

17 **MR. HASIB:** Look at what Karim is telling him: You  
18 were wrong. Not for the reasons the *kuffar* say. Remember,  
19 you'll have that Arabic translation chart back in the jury  
20 room. *Kuffar*, nonbelievers. Adam says, Yeah, I was wrong. I  
21 was wrong to go.

22 What is that, members of the jury? What is that? It's a  
23 confession: I was wrong. I knew getting on that plane was  
24 wrong.

25 That's how you know -- that's how you know -- what he

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1 intended to do when he got on that plane it was not to go and  
2 lead a pious Muslim life. It was not to go, upset as he may  
3 have been about gay marriage, it was not for that. It was not  
4 to escape his father or mother. Those may well have been  
5 reasons that were running through his head, but the reason he  
6 wanted to go was the reason that he knew it was wrong to go  
7 for. You know it's wrong, so did he.

8 Let's go back to the charts for a minute. There's two  
9 elements of attempt, right? There's intending to commit the  
10 crime of providing material support or resources, and then  
11 there's the second part. The substantial step. Let's talk a  
12 little bit about that, and then I promise I'm done talking.

13 Substantial step. Remember, mere preparation is not  
14 enough. You got to be going. You got to be there but for some  
15 intervening circumstance. Something's got to stop you from  
16 completing what you've got to do. That's a substantial step.

17 Members of the jury, when you go to the airport, you're  
18 getting on a flight, you're checking your bags, you get your  
19 boarding pass, you're a little nervous; I'm late, got to make  
20 my flight. You say goodbye to your friends, your loved ones,  
21 and then you go through security. Right? Mentally, in your  
22 heads, that's kind of the point of no return. Once you get  
23 through TSA, taking off your shoes, and opening up your laptop  
24 and all that stuff, once you get through there, Ah, I made it.  
25 The gate's right there. I can make my flight. Mentally,



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1 that's the point of no return.

2 He got further than that. Right? He made it to the gate.  
3 The plane is sitting there. They're calling people to come up  
4 to the gate, including him. He doesn't respond. We'll get to  
5 that in a second. People are lining up to get on the plane.  
6 And who lines up? Adam Shafi.

7 Why? Because he was getting on that plane. Nothing was  
8 going to stop him. Nothing was going to stop him. Even a call  
9 over the intercom: Adam Shafi, please report to the gate.  
10 Adam Shafi, please report to the gate agent. That didn't stop  
11 him. Why?

12 Because you heard in that call on his way home he thought  
13 that was his parents. That his parents had figured it out and  
14 that they were calling -- remember, sixth, seventh and eighth  
15 sense. Those parents, they knew they had to stop him and he  
16 didn't want to let them stop him. So what did he do? Nothing.  
17 He ignored it. He got in line and started taking step after  
18 step after step to the jetway. He was going to get on that  
19 plane. But for the quick thinking Special Agent Glen  
20 Bartolomei and Mark Mauro, but for their interception at the  
21 airport, he was going to get on that plane.

22 There was a search at Adam Shafi's house a couple days  
23 after the incident at the airport. There was a lot of talk  
24 about laptops and computers. And you heard from Special Agent  
25 Mike Mansuy talked about, Here's what I saw in the house,

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1 here's what I recovered. And he talked about an Apple laptop  
2 that he opened up to see whether it was on or not. And there  
3 was something on the screen. And he showed you what it was  
4 that was on the screen.

5 It was this. It was an email to info.SFO: Hello, I  
6 recently had booked a ticket to Istanbul. After checking in,  
7 getting in line to board the plane the -- after checking in and  
8 getting in line to board the plane, the FBI told me I looked  
9 suspicious and refused to allow me to board the plane. I  
10 demand a refund for my ticket.

11 What does that show you? He was getting on that plane.  
12 The reason he didn't -- he doesn't say, Well, I had second  
13 thoughts, decided I didn't want to use my ticket. He doesn't  
14 say that. What's his reason for not getting on the plane? The  
15 FBI. That is the only reason. His parents couldn't stop him.  
16 His own parents couldn't stop. It took FBI acts to stop from  
17 getting on that plane. He was going. He had taken that  
18 substantial step. There was no question about it.

19 And he talks about it with his brother on the ride home.  
20 He talks about it with Saleem Karim the following day. He  
21 says: I was about to board the plane and then the FBI agents,  
22 like three of them, came to me and then they just pulled out  
23 their badges and they're like: Come with us, sir. I was about  
24 to board the plane and then three FBI agents came up to me. I  
25 was about to board the plane.

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1 Next slide? Then play the audio.

2 (Audio was played but not reported.)

3 **MR. HASIB:** That's Adam Shafi in Government Exhibit 15  
4 to his buddy, Saleem Karim, the day after saying: FBI stopped  
5 me once, they ain't going to stop me again. I need to leave  
6 the country. I'll just take a boat, or whatever.

7 How dedicated. How committed. How convinced you have to  
8 be of your intent to say: The FBI ain't going to stop me. I'm  
9 going to get on a boat. I'll find any way to get out of the  
10 country. That, members of the jury, is the substantial step.  
11 Nothing was going to stop him.

12 But what is the best evidence? The best evidence of him  
13 taking that substantial step? What's the best evidence that  
14 nothing was going to stop him?

15 Go back to the picture I had you paint in your heads at  
16 the beginning of this case. Gate G97, crowded flight,  
17 everyone's getting on a flight to Istanbul. Gate area is  
18 packed. Adam Shafi's there. And over the intercom his name is  
19 called: Adam Shafi, please report to the gate agent. Adam  
20 Shafi, please report to the gate agent.

21 What does he do? Nothing. Why? Because he thought it  
22 was his parents and they're making one last-ditch effort to try  
23 to stop him from doing what he always wanted to do. What he  
24 knew he was going to do. Going to Syria to join the al-Nusrah  
25 Front. To join them, to support them, to work with them, to

1 live with them; and as you have now heard, to die with them.  
2 That is why Adam Shafi was getting on that plane. That is what  
3 the law says you cannot do. And that is what you must find him  
4 guilty of.

5 Find him guilty, members of the jury. Find him guilty.

6 Thank you, Your Honor.

7 **THE COURT:** All right. Thank you. Ladies and  
8 gentlemen, we'll take a break and we'll be back at 11:20.  
9 Please remember the admonitions. They still count. But I  
10 won't say it any other time because we're about to be finished.

11 (Recess taken at 11:13 a.m.)

12 (Proceedings resumed at 11:20 a.m.)

13 **THE COURT:** All right. Please be seated, everybody.  
14 So ladies and gentlemen, now we'll have the closing  
15 statement from the defense.

16 Mr. Fakhoury, when you're ready.

17 **MR. FAKHOURY:** Thank you, Your Honor.

18 Last week when Mr. Matthews gave his opening statement he  
19 said: Sometimes things aren't as they seem. Sometimes the  
20 easiest explanation is not the right one.

21 Couple days ago I was talking to my wife about our three  
22 year old son and she told me a funny story. She told me that  
23 she was getting him ready to go to bed. And he went to her and  
24 said, Mom, can I play with my toys? It's bedtime. So she  
25 said, No, it's time to go to bed, but in the morning when the

1   suns up you can play with your toys. So he said, Okay. Got in  
2   his crib, fell asleep. Next morning he woke up, called for my  
3   wife and he said, Mom, did the sun wake up? Now she, of  
4   course, said, Yes, it did. And now you can play with your  
5   toys.

6           Of course, the sun didn't wake up. But in that instance  
7   it was there was an easier explanation than trying to explain  
8   the way the sun revolves -- or, the earth revolves -- and all  
9   of that. Like Mr. Matthews said, the facts in this case are  
10   not in dispute. The only dispute in this case is what do those  
11   facts mean? The government has presented an easy explanation.  
12   One that is wrong. The truth is much more complicated.

13           Mr. Hasib said a couple minutes ago that on June 5, 2015,  
14   Mr. Shafi had found his calling, his purpose, his destiny,  
15   after he watched an interview on Al Jazeera with the *emir*, the  
16   leader, of the al-Nusrah Front, Mohammad al-Joulani. And that  
17   he talked about that interview with his friend Saleem Karim on  
18   the phone.

19           The evidence that the government has presented to you  
20   suggests otherwise. The evidence that the government has  
21   presented to you shows that Mr. Shafi was all over the map,  
22   literally and figuratively. Literally, because after June 5,  
23   2015, Mr. Shafi made references in his phone calls, in a Google  
24   search data and the YouTube search data, to Saudi Arabia,  
25   Hungary, Egypt, Sudan, Yemen, Yosemite and Death Valley. And

1 he made not a single reference to the al-Nusrah Front or  
2 Mohammad al-Joulani.

3 Figuratively, because after June 5, 2015, Mr. Shafi  
4 mentioned in phone calls, Google search data and YouTube search  
5 data, living in the desert with sheep, running his own business  
6 in the Middle East with his friend Saleem Karim, moving into an  
7 apartment with Saleem Karim, staying in the United States to  
8 finish his degree, researching a career change and looking at  
9 civil engineering jobs at San Francisco State University. And  
10 he referenced and googled and youtubed the al-Nusrah Front and  
11 al-Joulani zero times.

12 So, how do we get here? How do we get here? Where a U.S.  
13 citizen sits and waits for you to decide whether his actions  
14 when he was 22 years old makes him a terrorist?

15 I'll tell you why we're here. We're here because the FBI  
16 and the government have used a miniscule amount of data, an  
17 email here, a text message there, a Google search here, a  
18 YouTube search there, to paint an incomplete and misleading  
19 picture of Mr. Shafi that it believes is an easy explanation  
20 rather than the full story. We're here because the FBI and the  
21 government do not believe a single word that Mr. Shafi has told  
22 them since August 2014 except for one thing: That he wanted to  
23 go and die with the al-Nusrah Front.

24 You sat through this trial for over a week. I know it's  
25 an inconvenience to sit as a juror, and I thank you for your

1 service. But now we're here at the decision time where it's  
2 your chance and your opportunity to decide whether the  
3 government has carried its heavy burden of proving what is  
4 essentially -- or, of proving whether it can show beyond a  
5 reasonable doubt that Mr. Shafi attempted to provide material  
6 support or resources to the al-Nusrah Front in June 2015.

7 The only thing that's been proven beyond a reasonable  
8 doubt is that Mr. Shafi was a confused, immature, indecisive  
9 young man with no plan, who wanted to leave his house, leave  
10 this country and its luxuries, to be on his own in a Muslim  
11 country, miserable and suffering with those in need.

12 Mr. Shafi was not trying to place himself under the  
13 direction and control of the al-Nusrah Front, and that's why  
14 there's only one verdict that the evidence supports in this  
15 case. And that's a verdict of not guilty.

16 So I want to start by talking a little bit about the law.  
17 And I want to start by talking about reasonable doubt. You see  
18 in the instruction -- Judge Orrick has read it to you but I'm  
19 going to read it again -- proof beyond a reasonable doubt is  
20 proof that leaves you firmly convinced that Mr. Shafi is  
21 guilty. Firmly convinced. It's got to be compelling enough  
22 that you would want to make an important decision based on that  
23 evidence. And an important decision you're going to be asked  
24 to make in this case is whether or not to label Mr. Shafi a  
25 terrorist.

1           The burden's on the government. Mr. Shafi doesn't have to  
2 prove a thing. He doesn't have to testify. The fact that he  
3 didn't testify can't be used against him.

4           Now as you can see from the instruction, reasonable doubt  
5 can arise not just from the presentation of evidence, but from  
6 the lack of evidence. So if there's something missing that you  
7 wish you had, that goes to this table (indicating), not to  
8 Mr. Shafi (indicating).

9           Now, let's get a little more deeper into the law. As  
10 Judge Orrick explained, there's essentially two things that the  
11 government has to prove beyond a reasonable doubt. And I want  
12 to be clear, actually, about something that Mr. Hasib said in  
13 his closing argument. He said that this case really comes down  
14 to one question; which is why was Mr. Shafi on the plane?  
15 That's wrong.

16           There are two questions in this case. And we're going to  
17 go through them one by one.

18           The first question is what was Mr. Shafi's specific  
19 intent? And you've been instructed that in order for the  
20 government to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr. Shafi  
21 had the intent required to convict him in this case, they've  
22 got -- the government has to prove beyond a reasonable doubt  
23 that Mr. Shafi intended to commit the crime of providing  
24 material support or resources to a foreign terrorist  
25 organization, specifically the al-Nusrah Front. And that that



1 took place in June 2015.

2 The key term here is "material support." Now, there's a  
3 lot of language up there. I'm not going to read the whole  
4 thing. But, in essence, what this case is about is whether  
5 that material support that Mr. Shafi was going to provide was  
6 himself. As Mr. Hasib mentioned, and as Judge Orrick  
7 explained, it's not enough to just want to be a part of  
8 al-Nusrah. The government has to prove beyond a reasonable  
9 doubt that Mr. Shafi intended to work under the al-Nusrah  
10 Front's direction or control.

11 It's not enough that Mr. Shafi -- it's not enough that the  
12 government shows Mr. Shafi intended to go to Istanbul.  
13 Intending to go to Syria is not enough to carry this burden.  
14 Intending to work independently of the al-Nusrah Front is not  
15 enough. Intending to associate with the al-Nusrah Front is not  
16 enough. They've got to prove that Mr. Shafi wanted to work  
17 under the direction and control of the al-Nusrah Front. He  
18 wanted -- they have to show he intended to be under their  
19 thumb.

20 Now, I mentioned that there were two things that the  
21 government had to prove. Not just what was the purpose of his  
22 plane ticket or buying the plane ticket.

23 The second thing the government has to prove is that  
24 Mr. Shafi took a substantial step towards being placed under  
25 the direction and control of the al-Nusrah Front.

1 Now, we've heard already some discussion that mere  
2 preparation is not enough. There's got to be something more  
3 than that. Instead, to satisfy its burden, the government has  
4 to show that the crime -- meaning the provision of material  
5 support, being placed under the direction and control of the  
6 al-Nusrah Front -- will take place unless interrupted by  
7 independent circumstances. Not may take place. Not could take  
8 place. Will take place.

9 And I'm going to talk a little later on about each of  
10 these two elements, this intent and substantial step elements,  
11 in more detail. But I wanted to start with a reminder. And as  
12 Mr. Hasib said, Mr. Shafi is not on trial for going to Turkey  
13 in 2014. Mr. Shafi is not accused or charged with trying to  
14 join ISIS in 2014. Mr. Shafi is not accused or charged with  
15 trying to join ISIS in 2015. Mr. Shafi is only on trial for  
16 one thing: Attempting to provide himself as personnel -- that  
17 is, to work under the direction and control of the al-Nusrah  
18 Front -- in June 2015.

19 So, how has the government gone about in trying to carry  
20 this heavy burden in order to show that Mr. Shafi intended to  
21 place himself under the direction and control of the al-Nusrah  
22 Front and committed a substantial step towards doing so?

23 Well, the first thing it's done is it has spin (sic) the  
24 facts to fit its narrative. I think nothing exemplifies that  
25 better than this picture. This is Exhibit 64-72. And you'll

1 have this back in the jury deliberation room.

2 If you recall, I believe it was Agent Mansuy explained  
3 that when the FBI did the search of Mr. Shafi's home they  
4 collected a number of items that it found throughout  
5 Mr. Shafi's bedroom and then put them together in order to take  
6 this picture.

7 Now, if you look at this picture, the way this picture is  
8 sort of represented to be, without that explanation a  
9 reasonable person would look at this picture and think, Oh,  
10 yeah, all that stuff came out of that track and field bag.  
11 Thankfully, Agent Mansuy came and explained, no, that's not the  
12 case. But this exemplifies the problem in this case. The  
13 selective collection of random items and then associating a  
14 label with that item.

15 So this was referred to as survival gear. And if you can  
16 see the picture, you can see it includes dental floss, which I  
17 guess a dentist would say is survival gear. Fingernail  
18 clippers, a crumpled up piece of paper. A whistle. Some of  
19 these items, as we heard Mr. Keenan explain, were items he had  
20 seen Mr. Shafi have years before when he'd gone hiking with him  
21 and camping with him. But to label this survival gear and put  
22 this picture in a way that makes it look like all these items  
23 came from one place, is exactly the problem. It's misleading.

24 Oh, and one other thing I forgot to mention. A deal was  
25 made with this picture, right? Well, there's no evidence

1 presented whatsoever that Mr. Shafi had a single one of these  
2 items with him at the time he was arrested in June 2015. FBI  
3 couldn't be bothered to take a picture of the items that they  
4 searched when they encountered him at SFO on June 30, 2015.

5 They couldn't be bothered to take an inventory of the items.

6 There's no evidence that he took, in 2015, any of the  
7 items that he emailed to Niazi and Karim in 2014. If you  
8 recall, we saw an email -- actually saw three copies of the  
9 same exact email -- that has a list of camping supplies. And  
10 there was a discussion about that through Agent Reinke. We  
11 don't know if he took any of that stuff with him in 2015.

12 Where's the proof of that?

13 The second thing the government does is they repeatedly  
14 used Mr. Shafi's calmness and his compliant demeanor against  
15 him. Mr. Shafi had nothing to hide when he was confronted by  
16 the FBI or the Customs and Border Protection. He certainly  
17 wanted to hide from his parents that he wanted to leave their  
18 home. But he has always been forthright and forthcoming with  
19 law enforcement every time he's encountered them.

20 If you remember on June 30 when he was arrested -- excuse  
21 me -- on July 3 when he was arrested, he identified to FBI  
22 which computers belonged to him. He gave them the passwords to  
23 his computers. When he was questioned by the FBI at SFO on  
24 June 30 he sat there for three hours and answered all their  
25 questions.

1        Now, we don't really want people to run away from law  
2 enforcement that approach them. We want people to comply with  
3 law enforcement orders, especially when those law enforcement  
4 officers are armed with firearms. But only in the context of  
5 this case is listening to the FBI, and being cooperative, and  
6 doing everything they ask, and answering their questions  
7 without a lawyer held up as proof of guilt.

8        Here's something else that we heard about in closing  
9 argument. Make a big deal about Mr. Shafi's reaction to the  
10 questions he was asked on June 30 about whether he was going to  
11 Syria to join a terrorist organization. And we heard some of  
12 the excerpts from that audio conversation Mr. Shafi had with  
13 his brother, Ismail, where they're talking about what kind of  
14 idiot would say "yes" to that question.

15        The thing about that question is it's a complete red  
16 herring. The answer to that question is irrelevant. Because  
17 if Mr. Shafi had said "yes" on June 30, he was going to be  
18 arrested. Well, he said "no" on June 30 and he was arrested  
19 all the same. It's a meaningless question, and yet it's been  
20 brought out and referenced repeatedly throughout the trial as  
21 if there's some significance that should be given to it.

22        We're going to talk about the timeline in much more detail  
23 in a couple minutes. But one of the items on that timeline was  
24 some Google searches that the reflexatron account did for  
25 erasing and formatting a hard drive. Again, we're going to

1 talk about the timeline in more detail later, but this is again  
2 another example.

3 The Google data, which you have and you can review, shows  
4 that the same exact searches were done on July 2. And then on  
5 July 3 Mr. Shafi went to the Apple store and bought a bunch of  
6 MacBooks. And we heard through our case -- and we don't have  
7 an obligation to present any witnesses -- but you heard through  
8 our investigator and you heard through Mr. Shafi's cousin, Noah  
9 Shafi, exactly what happened. Mr. Adam Shafi was interested in  
10 learning about computer coding, Mr. Noah Shafi had an old  
11 computer sitting around, they tried to get into it, they  
12 couldn't get into it, so the next day Mr. Adam Shafi went and  
13 bought a new computer. That's completely innocuous.

14 In closing Mr. Hasib said that Mr. Shafi had lied to Agent  
15 -- Customs and Border Protection Officer Mon when he said that  
16 his phone had been stolen. And there was a lot of discussion  
17 in cross-examination of Ms. Larsen about whether -- when the  
18 report was made about the laptop and whatnot.

19 But here's the bottom line. Agent Bartolomei and Agent  
20 Mauro both testified that on June 30 they were told by  
21 Mr. Shafi that when he had gone to Istanbul in 2014 his laptop  
22 had been stolen. You saw through Ms. Larsen that Mr. Shafi had  
23 made a claim with the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, or the  
24 San Francisco Police Department Airport Bureau, and American  
25 Express, explaining that the laptop had been stolen. And that

1 in October 2014 Mr. Shafi bought a new laptop, which is the one  
2 that was seized and has been -- you've heard evidence from.

3 And it was us who subpoenaed Apple, not the government, to  
4 show that the laptop, the old laptop he bought in July 2014,  
5 had been registered by somebody -- not Mr. Shafi -- in  
6 Istanbul. So once again, it's very clear what happened here.  
7 The government doesn't want to accept it. They want you to  
8 fixate. He's doing a search for erasing his hard drive. That  
9 must mean he's trying to cover something up.

10 There was some testimony Mr. Shafi only took a couple  
11 things with from him when he was encountered at SFO on June 30,  
12 2015, as if again that's some sort of indication of guilt. Of  
13 course he didn't take a lot of stuff with him. He's trying to  
14 run away from home. He takes a gigantic suitcase, his family  
15 is going to tell something's up. So of course he packed light.

16 Let's talk about the map. We saw this in Mr. Hasib's  
17 closing and we've heard a lot of discussion about this map,  
18 this map of places of investigative interest to the FBI. This  
19 map is worthless. I'll tell you why.

20 Now, some of the places on the map are places that  
21 Mr. Shafi had been to and that don't have any bearing  
22 whatsoever on whether he had the intent to join the al-Nusrah  
23 Front in June 2015. So that's Cairo and Sharm al-Sheikh.

24 How about the remaining items on the map? Several of  
25 those items were never searched for in 2015. Which ones?

1 Urfa, Ar Raqqa, Jarabulus, Kobane. And the one Mr. Hasib  
2 mentioned, Karkamis Sinir Kapisi. I'm probably saying those  
3 wrong. But not a single one of those locations were searched  
4 for in 2015. You have the Google data. Go through it. You  
5 won't find a reference to it. It wasn't searched for in 2015.

6 So what does that leave? Well, Istanbul, one of the  
7 largest cities in the world. A place we know Mr. Shafi was  
8 trying to get to. And one search in May 2015 for Gaziantep.

9 Now what do we know about Gaziantep? Well, we heard  
10 Dr. Vidino explain Gaziantep was a -- one of the largest places  
11 where there were Syrian refugees 2014 and 2015. And I believe  
12 it was Agent Reinke explained Gaziantep's actually a very large  
13 city. We had maybe some disagreement about how much but, you  
14 know, at least half a million people.

15 And most critically, that search for Gaziantep in 2015 was  
16 before the al-Joulani interview was referenced on June 5. And  
17 there are no searches for Gaziantep after June 5 when that  
18 al-Joulani interview was referenced.

19 Now what's missing from this map? Idlib. You heard  
20 Dr. Vidino. Idlib was a governorate in Syria that the  
21 al-Nusrah Front took over in early June, 2015. That's their  
22 base of operations. You would think if you wanted to join the  
23 al-Nusrah Front you would try to learn a little bit about where  
24 they're actually headquartered. There's a reason Idlib's not  
25 in that box; because there's no Google search data for Idlib.



1           That takes me to the timeline. This is Exhibit 118  
2           (indicating.) You had it, I think, for most of Thursday and I  
3           think all day Friday and you had a chance to review it and look  
4           through it. And Mr. Hasib, when he got up to give his closing,  
5           indicated you're not going to have this in the jury room with  
6           you. Good. Because this timeline's misleading and it's  
7           inaccurate. That's a 13-page timeline. This is the Google  
8           search data (indicating.) This you will have in the jury room  
9           with you. This is the YouTube search data (indicating.) This  
10          you will have in the jury room with you.

11          You will have the full content of all 15 phone calls with  
12          you in the jury room, and I encourage you to listen to all 15  
13          of those phone calls in their entirety. I encourage you to go  
14          through the Google and YouTube data. I don't encourage you to  
15          read all 9,000 lines of it, but I encourage you to take a look  
16          at it and think through it critically. Because what you're  
17          going to see is that that timeline, Exhibit 118, is essentially  
18          incomplete and misleading.

19          Let me give you some more concrete examples. The timeline  
20          had about 140 out of 1,471 YouTube search queries. That's  
21          about 9 percent of Mr. Shafi's YouTube search queries, or the  
22          reflexatron search queries, for 2014 and 2015 are on that  
23          timeline. Now, the timeline had excerpts, not even the full  
24          content, but the excerpts of 15 out of at least 450 phone.  
25          Calls. So that's 3 percent.

1           It had ten text message conversations out of 3,562 texts  
2   on Mr. Shafi's phone. So about 3 percent. It had one picture  
3   of 1,517 images on the phone. Just .07 percent. It had four  
4   out of 8,595 emails, which is .05 percent. And this is, I  
5   think, the most important number here: 140 out of 9,933 Google  
6   search queries.

7           Now, Mr. Hasib said -- he acknowledged that the Google  
8   search queries had a lot of innocuous data. Time for prayer,  
9   directions to the gym, that sort of thing. But he said also  
10   that there was a lot of not innocuous stuff. 1.5 percent is  
11   not a lot. 1.5 percent is the exception, not the norm.  
12   1.5 percent is not beyond a reasonable doubt.

13          The other issue with the timeline is that it's misleading.  
14   What do I mean by that? Well, it's hard to tell from this huge  
15   collection of Google data (indicating) what a person's  
16   thinking. You need context to understand what this sort of  
17   data means.

18          Now, the timeline was missing one crucial piece of  
19   information that would help provide context. Time stamps. Why  
20   would time stamps be important to provide context? Well,  
21   number one, it would show how long reflexatron was interested  
22   in a particular topic.

23          Let me give you a specific example. This is in Exhibit  
24   137 at page 7. This is lines 209 to 212. I know it's a little  
25   hard to read. But this was something that was referenced on

1 the timeline. That on June 14, 2015, there was -- the  
2 reflexatron account indicated that there was an image viewed  
3 from "The Legal Foundations of the Islamic State" three times.

4 Now, to begin with, we actually have no clue what the  
5 Legal Foundations of the Islamic State is. Is it propaganda?  
6 Is it a critique of the Islamic State? Is it an academic  
7 article about the Islamic State? I don't know. They didn't  
8 tell us. Their burden, remember?

9 But here's what's missing from the timeline. The time  
10 stamps. What do the time stamps show? They showed this image  
11 was viewed, basically, in about 35 seconds. And that 18  
12 seconds later on to something else. That's a fleeting interest  
13 in something.

14 The other reason the time stamps are important is it shows  
15 what reflexatron clicked on after doing a particular search.  
16 So here's an example of that. This is on page 6 of that same  
17 exhibit which you'll have in the jury room with you. Again, I  
18 know it's a little hard to read, but essentially that bottom  
19 search down there is a search for the Islamic State. And if  
20 you can see up -- the next four entries after that search  
21 indicate what images were viewed or what items were clicked to  
22 following from that search. That's what the Google custodian  
23 explained these records show. So in this example, you can see  
24 after that search was done there were articles referenced, or  
25 accessed, from Al Jazeera, France 24, and The Times of Israel.

1 One of the instructions that Judge Orrick gave you was  
2 regarding charts and summaries shown to you to explain evidence  
3 that are not admitted. And he actually said if they don't  
4 correctly reflect the facts, you can disregard those charts and  
5 determine the facts from the underlying evidence.

6 Now, listen, I don't quibble that the timeline is accurate  
7 in the sense that the items listed on it correspond to the date  
8 claimed to be. But as I explained, it's missing context. It's  
9 missing those time stamps. It's missing the fuller picture.

10 So I think you should disregard it. Instead, you should  
11 determine the facts from all the evidence like I just said  
12 (indicating). All the Google search data, all the YouTube  
13 search data, all the phone calls. All of which you have.

14 Now, there's no question that Mr. Shafi said some  
15 disgusting things on the phone. There's no question that he  
16 said things that were offensive. There's no question that we  
17 disagree with a lot of those things that were expressed on the  
18 phone. But, one of the most important legal rights in our  
19 country, and something Judge Orrick has already explained to  
20 you, is the First Amendment. It's first for a reason.

21 Mr. Shafi has the right to say whatever he wants to say.

22 Doesn't mean you have to agree with it. It doesn't mean we  
23 have to like it. I think there's probably all sorts of speech  
24 we don't like. But you can't convict him for this crime solely  
25 because of what he said on those phone calls.

1 Now the other point I want to make about Mr. Shafi's phone  
2 calls is they are not indicators that he intended to join the  
3 al-Nusrah Front or that he committed a substantial step in  
4 doing so.

5 I want to talk about a couple specific particularly  
6 offensive things that Mr. Shafi said. So one -- I think  
7 probably the most offensive thing that Mr. Shafi said on that  
8 call, and which Mr. Hasib played in his closing, was the  
9 comments about killing American soldiers. It's obviously  
10 extremely disgusting. In fact, I think it's safe to say  
11 they're clearly radical thoughts. But they're not radical in  
12 the sense that Dr. Vidino used that word. And the idea that by  
13 saying those things there's an indication of violence that a  
14 person is willing to do. They're radical in the Dr. Sageman  
15 sense of the word in that they are offensive or against the  
16 social norms of us in this society in the United States.

17 And as Dr. Sageman said, Mr. Shafi at times used  
18 exaggerated speech. That's not a surprise. He's 22 years old.  
19 He's talking on the phone with Saleem Karim and Abul Niazi, his  
20 buddies. And they're young, too. So it offensive?  
21 Absolutely. Did they mean it seriously? No.

22 More importantly, both Dr. Vidino and Dr. Sageman  
23 testified that just because a person has a radical set of ideas  
24 or radical set of beliefs doesn't mean that they're going to  
25 act on them. Now Dr. Vidino and Dr. Sageman used different

1 terms to refer to this idea. So Dr. Vidino used the term  
2 "mobilization." And Dr. Sageman used the term "a pathway to  
3 violence." And both of them agree there are probably more  
4 people with radical thoughts than there were people who will  
5 actually act out on them. And that's a good thing.

6 The most important thing to note is that Dr. Sageman, who  
7 studied this field for 40 years, who's done work for both the  
8 government and the defense, who has been an expert for the  
9 Secret Service and the NYPD and the U.S. Army, who's worked for  
10 the CIA, he's looked at all the evidence in this case and he's  
11 concluded in his opinion that Mr. Shafi hadn't gone beyond  
12 radicalization into a pathway to violence.

13 Now, for better or for worse, our major religions use  
14 physical examples to refer to struggle. A Christian who  
15 recites Psalm 35 probably is not going to be deemed to be a  
16 violent radicalized person.

17 It's the same thing with Mr. Shafi. As you heard from  
18 Dr. Vidino and Dr. Sageman, the phone calls are open to varying  
19 interpretations.

20 Let's use another example. Again, another really  
21 problematic or troubling example. Mr. Shafi's comments about  
22 spilling gallons of blood. I understand why Mr. Hasib played  
23 that and focused on it. It sounds pretty bad. But remember,  
24 Dr. Vidino is using that conversation to opine, to offer his  
25 opinion, that Mr. Shafi wants to be a *shahid*, a martyr, and to

1 kill. Dr. Sageman sees it as Mr. Shafi expressing an interest  
2 in dying and sacrifice.

3 The Bible has similar language. Take up your cross and  
4 follow me. We know what a cross is. It's a torture device.  
5 It's how -- the most painful way a person could be killed in  
6 ancient times was to be crucified. We wouldn't mistake a  
7 person, a Christian, saying these words as a radical *jihadist*.  
8 It's the same thing for Mr. Shafi.

9 And I would add that his comments about being jealous of a  
10 person who died in Syria, fits exactly the same profile. It's  
11 a reflection of wanting to die and sacrifice, not wanting to  
12 kill.

13 And, in fact, as we know from the discovery -- excuse me  
14 -- from the evidence you've seen in this case -- Mr. Shafi  
15 references dying and being miserable and suffering many times.  
16 The text messages regarding Mr. Harcevic, which we'll talk a  
17 little bit more later, that Mr. Hasib showed you, says it  
18 explicitly: I'd rather just be with him in a cage. Or in  
19 Exhibit 15, this is the July 1 phone call with Saleem Karim,  
20 Mr. Shafi explains himself: The least I can do is to be  
21 miserable with them. If I can't do anything, then what else am  
22 I going to do? Just be happy while they're just, you know,  
23 suffering? At least if I can't do anything, I'm just going to  
24 be miserable. And that's completely consistent with what  
25 Mr. Sageman was testifying about.

1           So, what the evidence, in our view, shows is that  
2           Mr. Shafi had no intent to place himself under the direction  
3           and control of the al-Nusrah Front. And remember -- again, to  
4           reiterate -- the issue is not whether he had the specific  
5           intent to leave the United States. It's not whether he had the  
6           specific intent to go to Istanbul. It's not whether he had the  
7           specific intent to go to Syria. It's whether he had the  
8           specific intent to place himself under the direction and  
9           control of the al-Nusrah Front. And no one and no where else.

10           So, why did Mr. Shafi want to leave his house? Why did he  
11           want to leave the United States? Why did he want to go to  
12           Istanbul? We don't dispute he was trying to go to Istanbul.  
13           Mr. Hasib's right. This is not an accident case. He didn't  
14           accidentally go to the Istanbul terminal when he was trying to  
15           go to Cancun. We don't argue that. We agree. He was trying  
16           to go to Istanbul. No doubt.

17           But why? Why was he trying to go to Istanbul? Number  
18           one, he was trying to leave a tense family life. That's  
19           something we've heard testimony about and that Mr. Hasib  
20           mentioned in his closing.

21           In fact, in one of the phone calls, on June 8, you heard  
22           and you saw the transcript, that Mr. Shafi talked specifically  
23           about an argument he got into with his parents. An argument  
24           about money where Mr. Shafi said he felt like a slave in his  
25           parents' house. And the conclusion of that phone call -- or,



1 of this part of the conversation, rather -- is, You should come  
2 live with me in an apartment. And Mr. Shafi says, Yeah, yeah,  
3 I'm intending to. *Inshallah*.

4 Now, what's the significance of this phone call? That's  
5 on June 8, 2015. That's three days after the most important  
6 piece of evidence in the government's case, this phone call  
7 about al-Nusrah and al-Joulani and all of that. Three days  
8 later, there's no reference to al-Joulani or al-Nusrah.  
9 They're talking about getting an apartment together in the bay  
10 area.

11 And we actually heard this in the government's closing so  
12 I'll go through this quick. That, you know, Mr. Shafi was  
13 ignoring the pages in the airport because he thought his  
14 parents were trying to reach him and prevent him from leaving.  
15 Yeah. We don't dispute that at all. He was absolutely trying  
16 to run away from his family.

17 Another reason Mr. Shafi wanted to leave the United States  
18 was his disagreement with U.S. moral values. We heard some  
19 discussion about the gay marriage -- the Supreme Court's  
20 decision in *Obergefell* about legalizing same sex marriage in  
21 this country which was decided on June 26, 2015, three days  
22 before Mr. Shafi bought that plane ticket.

23 Now, we don't have to agree with Mr. Shafi's views on same  
24 sex marriage, and we can think that's wrong and homophobic and  
25 offensive, but he's entitled to his opinion under the First

1 Amendment. And he's entitled to decide that he doesn't want to  
2 live in this country where same sex marriage is allowed. And,  
3 in fact, we've heard several times that he told Agent  
4 Bartolomei and Agent Mauro that that was one of the reasons why  
5 he wanted to leave.

6 We also know that Mr. Shafi wanted to live in a Muslim  
7 country.

8 I keep bumping into this so I'm going to push it back  
9 there.

10 We've also heard many times Mr. Shafi indicated that he  
11 wanted to live in a Muslim country, a more devout, pious Muslim  
12 country. There's no question Mr. Shafi's devout. We've  
13 already heard that he went and visited historic mosques in  
14 Istanbul. We heard from Agent Bartolomei and Agent Mauro that  
15 on June 30 when he was interrogated by the FBI he refused food  
16 and drink because it was Ramadan. You know, Muslims don't eat  
17 or drink anything while the sun is up. They can eat and drink  
18 after the sun sets. You think about it, in June day's a lot  
19 longer, so Mr. Shafi went a long period of time without eating  
20 or drinking. We heard from -- I think it's Mr. Karem now -- it  
21 used to be Agent Karem -- that when he arrested Mr. Shafi on  
22 July 3 that Mr. Shafi asked to pray before he was taken into  
23 custody. So we know he's devout.

24 What else do we know about Mr. Shafi? We know he's  
25 concerned with the plight of Syrian refugees and Muslims more

1 generally. This is from an item taken from his room at the  
2 time of the search. And, again, as Dr. Sageman testified,  
3 that's consistent with the idea that Mr. Shafi wanted to suffer  
4 and die, not that he wanted to kill. And again, as I  
5 indicated, he did plenty of Google searching for information  
6 about Syrian refugees.

7 These are a couple of examples here. And some more  
8 examples here. We don't need to read through every one of  
9 these individually, but we can see that he's concerned with the  
10 plight of Syrian refugees.

11 And if you think about it, Mr. Shafi lives a life of  
12 luxury that a lot of people don't have the opportunity to have.  
13 He's thinking about Syrian refugees while he's living in his  
14 house in Fremont. You saw the pictures of the house. It's a  
15 nice house. It's a huge house. Five or six bedrooms. He's  
16 got his own car, he has his own American Express credit card,  
17 he has his own Bank of America account, he's got a job from his  
18 dad. He can take computer coding programs. He can go to the  
19 Apple store and buy a \$1,000 laptop. These are luxuries that  
20 many people don't have and Mr. Shafi felt guilty about that.

21 There was some reference in one of the phone calls that he  
22 had with Saleem Karim where he explained one of the reasons he  
23 got into this argument with his parents was that he transferred  
24 -- he'd given \$700 to -- he said a sister who needed help. And  
25 there's actually bank records in discovery that show this. On

1 June 2, 2015, he transferred \$700 to another person. And as  
2 was indicated in the transcript, this conversation with  
3 Mr. Karim, he thought this was a woman who had lost her job and  
4 he wanted to give her some help.

5 What else do we know about Mr. Shafi? He actually has the  
6 capabilities to live abroad, right? He told the government  
7 repeatedly on June 30 that he was going to go to Istanbul, but  
8 if it didn't work out he was going to go to Egypt. We heard  
9 his family has an apartment in Egypt. This is actually a  
10 viable possibility.

11 Now, and this kind of spills into something I mentioned  
12 earlier about this selective kind of picking and choosing by  
13 the government. The government moved this into evidence, this  
14 is Exhibit 64. It's a picture that they took at the search of  
15 a note pad that Mr. Shafi had in the house. What they didn't  
16 move into evidence was the second page of that same exact note  
17 pad. What do you see on that second page, missing from the  
18 first page, that the government did not move in? Egypt key.  
19 Which confirms that Mr. Shafi's backup plan, if Turkey didn't  
20 work out, was to go to Egypt. To go to his parents' apartment.

21 Now, we don't know, we don't have a line-for-line item or  
22 an inventory of what Mr. Shafi had with him in 2015. But we do  
23 have the testimony of Agent Mauro who said that Mr. Shafi's  
24 backpack had a Quran, and a prayer book, a book about Islam, a  
25 laptop, cell phone, and cables. And all of those are items

1 that are on this list.

2 What else do we know about Mr. Shafi? Well, we know that  
3 Mr. Shafi has told his parents that he wanted to live abroad,  
4 that he wanted to leave the house and not live in the  
5 United States anymore. Mr. Hasib mentioned that Mr. Shafi's  
6 parents must have had a sixth and seventh and eighth sense that  
7 their son wanted to leave. Absolutely. They did. But that  
8 sixth or seventh or eighth sense was about him wanting to leave  
9 the United States, not about him wanting to join the al-Nusrah  
10 Front or provide himself as personnel to work under the  
11 direction and control of the al-Nusrah Front.

12 Why would his parents not want him to leave the  
13 United States? These are patriotic Americans. They've got an  
14 American flag in the garage. When they lose their son, when  
15 their son goes missing in 2014, they go to the American Embassy  
16 to try to get him back, to look for him, to get help. These  
17 are people who are not afraid of the U.S. government. Of  
18 course they want their son to stay here.

19 But we know that that's not what Mr. Shafi wanted. We  
20 know that he's told his family several times that he wanted to  
21 leave and that they didn't want him to leave. This was a  
22 source of the conflict between the two of them that put him on  
23 the path to get on that airplane.

24 We know that he talked to his uncle about it. Talked to  
25 his uncle about, Maybe I just have to stay for three years.

1 And then if it gets cleaned up over there, maybe I can go. And  
2 if not, then I can go live with the Muslims since I have  
3 something to work with. "Over there" is not the al-Nusrah  
4 Front. "Over there" is the Middle East.

5 Here's another phone call. This is on July 1 with Saleem  
6 Karim. Mr. Shafi is talking about how his parents have told  
7 him, How can we trust you anymore? And his response at the  
8 bottom there is he says, Because he thought -- he's talking  
9 about his father -- he thought I was going to stay until I  
10 finished my college and stuff.

11 So there had been discussions. There had been debate.  
12 There had been tension about whether or not Mr. Shafi could  
13 actually leave his house, leave his father's house, leave his  
14 parents' house and go abroad.

15 And again if you look at the Google data you're going to  
16 see a ton of searches for other locations and other places that  
17 Mr. Shafi could have gone to. Here's a list: On January 30,  
18 2015, he's doing searches for *Oman*. In February, it's Dubai  
19 and Morocco. In April, it's Germany. On April -- I'm sorry --  
20 in May -- on May 4 of 2015, he's visiting the Saudi Arabia  
21 government website for how to get an *umrah* visa. Which *umrah*  
22 is the minor pilgrimage in Islam. On May 9 he's doing a search  
23 for life in Yemen. May 10, it's cost of living in Yemen. On  
24 June 1 -- on June 4 he's doing a YouTube search to *hijra* which  
25 you heard both Dr. Vidino and Dr. Sageman testify is Muslim

1 migration.

2 He's searching for Hungary on June 12. On June 16 he's  
3 doing a search for construction jobs in Saudi Arabia. Now,  
4 this was something Mr. Hasib mentioned in his closing argument  
5 about, Well, why didn't he go to Saudi Arabia? Where are the  
6 Google searches? He did Google searches for Saudi Arabia. In  
7 June of 2015 after he listened and after he talked about the  
8 al-Joulani interview the al-Nusrah Front. In fact, he accesses  
9 a Vox article about Saudi Arabia question, on June 25, 2015.  
10 Before *Obergefell*, before he's bought the plane ticket to  
11 Istanbul. So it was a possibility.

12 And on June 8, again after Mr. Shafi's had this  
13 conversation with Saleem Karim about the al-Nusrah Front and  
14 al-Joulani, he has a long phone call with Saleem Karim. And  
15 you have the whole transcript in evidence where they talk about  
16 going "over there." And it's very clear when you read -- you  
17 won't get the transcript, you'll have the audio. When you  
18 listen to the audio, you can see very clearly what he's talking  
19 about. He's talking about going to the Middle East, going to  
20 the desert. And they talk about starting a business together  
21 in the Middle East.

22 Why else would Mr. Shafi want to leave? He's under  
23 government surveillance and scrutiny, right? He's been  
24 interviewed by Customs and Border Protection in August 2014.  
25 Interviewed by the FBI in September 2014, a fact that didn't

1 make it onto the government's timeline. He was interrogated by  
2 -- I'm sorry -- he had a SSSS designation. He thinks he's on  
3 the no-fly list. And he sort of is, right? Because if you  
4 recall what Agent Bartolomei testified, when Mr. Shafi showed  
5 up at the airport, Agent Bartolomei went to the ticket agent  
6 and said, This gentleman's not getting on this flight. That  
7 was before they questioned him, before they'd heard the phone  
8 calls to Saleem and Niazi and Ismail Shafi after Mr. Shafi left  
9 SFO, before the government had reviewed any of the Google  
10 search data that was done after December of 2014 which is when  
11 they got the first search warrant in this case as you recall.  
12 The second search warrant in the case was issued in January of  
13 2017 after Mr. Shafi had been arrested. The government's  
14 already determining that he's not allowed to fly, that he's not  
15 going anywhere, even though he's not formally on the no-fly  
16 list.

17 So that brings me to the centerpiece of the government's  
18 case. The most important thing that they have emphasized over  
19 and over and over in this case. And that is the June 5, 2015,  
20 phone call between Mr. Shafi and Saleem Karim where they talked  
21 about the al-Nusrah Front and Mohammad al-Joulani.

22 Mr. Hasib told you it all comes down to the calls. That's  
23 the one, that's the call.

24 And, look, I don't disagree that call has got a lot of bad  
25 stuff on it. I acknowledge it and I admit it. But here's the



1 bottom line. Number one, you've got to focus precisely on the  
2 timing of that call. What do I mean by the timing? Well, the  
3 first piece of timing I mean is the YouTube searches for that  
4 phone call. Agent Reinke testified that there were five  
5 searches for that phone call. Or, for that interview. Excuse  
6 me. Those five searches were done in a two-hour window. And  
7 this is a one-hour interview -- or over one-hour interview in  
8 two parts.

9 Within two hours of those searches, Mr. Shafi has called  
10 Karim at 2:30 in the morning. Now, we've heard the phone call.  
11 Sounds to me like Mr. Shafi's half awake. It sounds like Karim  
12 is half awake. But, again, I don't dispute it. They have the  
13 phone call, they talk about al-Joulani, they talk about the  
14 al-Nusrah Front. It's not a great phone call.

15 But the key here is what happens after the phone call?  
16 What happens after the phone call? Is there any other  
17 references to Mohammad al-Joulani after that phone call? No.  
18 Are there any references to the al-Nusrah Front after that  
19 phone call? No. Are there references on the phone calls? No.  
20 Is there references in the Google data? Was there a Google  
21 search for the al-Nusrah Front or Mohammad al-Joulani? No.  
22 Was there a YouTube search for the al-Nusrah Front or Mohammad  
23 al-Joulani after June 5, 2015? No. Was there a text message  
24 exchange about Mohammad al-Joulani or the al-Nusrah Front after  
25 June 5, 2015? No. Was there an email about the al-Nusrah

1 Front or Mohammad al-Joulani after June 5, 2015? No. You have  
2 the entire contents of Mr. Shafi's inbox in evidence. Look for  
3 it. You won't find it. It's not there. Is there a Google  
4 search for Idlib, al-Nusrah Front's base of operation? No. Is  
5 there a YouTube search for Idlib? No.

6 In fact, apart from the al-Joulani interview, if you look  
7 in the YouTube data for any other reference (indicating) on any  
8 other day in 2014 or 2015 for al-Joulani or the al-Nusrah  
9 Front, you will not find one. It's not in there.

10 If you look through the Google data you will find one  
11 search in May 2014 for the al-Nusrah Front (indicating) and you  
12 will not find another search for the al-Nusrah Front after that  
13 search. Not after May 2014 and not at all in 2015.

14 You cannot find specific intent based on one conversation,  
15 at one time, on one day. Under that theory, then why didn't  
16 Mr. Shafi have an intent to go to Yosemite and eat a bear. Or,  
17 (Arabic) bear. Whatever he and Saleem joked about.

18 Now, the government made a big deal about the phone calls  
19 that Mr. Shafi made after he was encountered at SFO on June 30.  
20 He made two phone calls on the BART train. One to his brother,  
21 Ismail, and one to his friend, Niazi. And then the next day on  
22 July 1 he made a call to Saleem Karim. We've heard little  
23 snippets of those calls. You have the whole calls in evidence.  
24 I encourage you to listen to them.

25 Here's the bottom line: Every single one of those

1 conversations when Mr. Shafi is asked where he was going, he  
2 says Turkey, not the al-Nusrah Front. Why is that important?  
3 Well, like Mr. Hasib pointed out, Mr. Shafi doesn't think  
4 anybody's listening to his phone calls. In fact, he talks  
5 about, Do you think I'd be talking like this if I thought the  
6 FBI was here? Or if I thought the government was here?

7 So what's he say? Well, this is the phone call to Ismail  
8 that we saw a little snippet of this in the government's  
9 closing. Are you going to Turkey? Yeah, I was going to  
10 Turkey. Not, I was going to al-Nusrah Front.

11 This is the call to Niazi, and I think this is the most  
12 important one. He's talking about this conversation where they  
13 -- the agents asked then, Are you trying to go join a terrorist  
14 group? And he says, What kind of idiot would say this? Look  
15 at the last thing Mr. Shafi says on the screen: Even if I was  
16 going to do that, what the hell, what the hell. Even if I was  
17 going to do that.

18 Remember, he doesn't think the FBI is listening in on  
19 these phone calls. He's making fun of them. Even if I was  
20 going to do that. Well, what does that imply? That means that  
21 he wasn't going to do that, join a terrorist group.

22 Same thing on the next day with Mr. Karim. Mr. Shafi --  
23 again, you saw part of this. Mr. Shafi's asked, What were you  
24 going to do, man? And he says, I have no idea, bro.

25 All of that shows that Mr. Shafi did not have the specific

1 intent to place himself under the direction and control of the  
2 al-Nusrah Front. That the government has not carried its  
3 burden of proof to prove to you beyond a reasonable doubt that  
4 Mr. Shafi had the intent to place himself under the direction  
5 and control of the al-Nusrah Front.

6 Now that's just the first element. There's still a whole  
7 second element that we've got to talk about, and that's the  
8 substantial step element.

9 As Judge Orrick explained, mere preparation is not enough.  
10 The substantial step, the act that is a substantial step, must  
11 demonstrate that the crime, meaning Mr. Shafi providing himself  
12 as personnel, placing himself under the direction and control  
13 of the al-Nusrah Front, the government has to prove to you  
14 beyond a reasonable doubt that that act, that crime, will  
15 occur. Not may occur, not could occur. Will occur, but for  
16 intervening circumstances.

17 Now, Mr. Hasib said the flight -- him getting in the --  
18 trying to board the plane on June 30 was the point of no  
19 return. I absolutely agree with him. It was absolutely the  
20 point of no return to going to Istanbul. But that's not what  
21 Mr. Shafi's on trial for. It's not a crime to go to Istanbul.  
22 It's a crime to try to place yourself under the direction and  
23 control of the al-Nusrah Front.

24 I agree Mr. Shafi took a substantial step towards going to  
25 Istanbul. That's not enough.

1 I was trying to think of an analogy, an easy analogy, that  
2 might make sense for a lot of people. And I was thinking of  
3 the San Francisco Giants. If you buy a ticket to go to AT&T  
4 Park, that is not a substantial step towards playing for the  
5 Giants. And that's exactly what we have here. He bought a  
6 ticket to go to Istanbul, he made a substantial step to go to  
7 Istanbul, but did not make a substantial step to join the  
8 al-Nusrah Front.

9 And I want to talk about this in kind of two separate  
10 concepts. The first is this idea that mere preparation is not  
11 enough. Mr. Shafi didn't even merely prepare for a trip. As I  
12 indicated before, he repeatedly says he has no plan. Even on  
13 that June 5 phone call he tells Mr. Karim, We'll figure it out.  
14 On June 30 when he's interviewed by Agent Bartolomei he says, I  
15 don't have a plan. I don't have a travel room -- or, hotel  
16 room booked. And if you look through the Google records you're  
17 not going to find any searches for hotel rooms in Istanbul, bus  
18 routes, transportation within Turkey, flights within Turkey to  
19 get to the 700 miles of Turkey you've got to cross to get to  
20 the side that borders Syria. That's like going from Eureka to  
21 San Diego.

22 Again, we've already talked about this. There's no  
23 searching at all after June 5 for Syria, Idlib, or any of these  
24 other places that were searched for in 2014. And again, on  
25 July 1, Mr. Shafi tells Karim he had no idea what he was going

1 to do.

2 Now, don't get distracted by the government's red herrings  
3 they've put up in this case. They've put up a couple, but  
4 don't be distracted. Number one, don't be distracted by ISIS.  
5 I know that's a hard thing to do. Everyone's scared of ISIS.  
6 I'm scared of ISIS. They're terrible. But that's not what  
7 this case is about. Mr. Shafi is not accused of trying to  
8 place himself under the direction and control of ISIS in 2014  
9 or 2015.

10 Don't be distracted by the Google or YouTube searches in  
11 2014. And there's a lot of them on that timeline. And there's  
12 some pretty -- ones that are problematic. I acknowledge that.  
13 But those don't have any bearing here in this case.

14 Mr. Shafi's accused of committing a crime in June of 2015.

15 Don't be distracted by the references to Burma.  
16 Mr. Shafi's is not accused of trying to go to Burma or do  
17 anything over there.

18 Don't be distracted by the limited evidence you heard  
19 about a shooting range. In this country, there's nothing wrong  
20 with going to a shooting range. Mr. Shafi's not prohibited  
21 from going to a shooting range at the time he went. He  
22 followed all the rules and regulations. He clearly had no  
23 experience with firearms based on the phone call he had with  
24 Niazi which has been admitted into evidence as Exhibit No. -- I  
25 don't remember the exhibit number. It's one of the earlier

1 phone calls. I apologize. He went once or twice maybe. I  
2 think it was once. Dr. Sageman testified, you know, frequent  
3 visits to the shooting range may be problematic. One visit is  
4 not problematic, in Dr. Sageman's testimony.

5 And you heard the testimony of Agent Sung. When they  
6 executed the search warrant on July 3 they were looking for  
7 firearms and ammunition and all that stuff, and they didn't  
8 find anything in Mr. Shafi's house.

9 Don't be distracted by this idea that Mr. Shafi went and  
10 visited Mr. Harcevic in jail. The government went out of its  
11 way to call a custodian to come testify about how Santa Clara  
12 County records the phone calls. They moved the phone call into  
13 evidence. You have it.

14 You haven't heard it, though. You know why? Because  
15 there's nothing on there that's problematic. There's no  
16 references to ISIS, al-Nusrah Front, terrorism, *jihad*, nothing.  
17 That conversation -- and you should listen to it in evidence  
18 because they wouldn't play it for you (indicating). That  
19 conversation is about how much it sucks to be in jail. And we  
20 already know that's exactly what Mr. Shafi was worried about.

21 This is in Exhibit 2. This is the phone call Mr. Shafi  
22 had with Mr. Niazi in February 2015. He's talking about --  
23 he's laying out exactly what was going on. Here's a guy, he  
24 knows him from the mosque, he's been arrested by the FBI. He  
25 doesn't have a lot of information about the case. His

1 interactions with the guy are positive. That's what's worrying  
2 him.

3 It continues: People are talking about it in the  
4 (*Arabic*). This was something that happened in the community.  
5 The FBI comes in and arrests somebody. That's traumatic for a  
6 community. That's what he's upset about.

7 And it's clear he feels bad. This guy's got little kids.  
8 He feels bad about that fact. That's what was motivating  
9 Mr. Shafi to see Mr. Harcevic. When you listen to the actual  
10 conversation that you had, you'll see. That's exactly  
11 consistent with what that conversation -- of the conversation  
12 that took place.

13 I think some of the most compelling testimony in this case  
14 came from Dr. Vidino. He's not my witness, but I think he  
15 actually laid out a very compelling case that supports  
16 everything that I'm saying. Dr. Vidino explained what it takes  
17 to get to al-Nusrah, what it takes to place yourself under the  
18 direction and control of the al-Nusrah Front, and he testified  
19 about the steps you would have to take to get there. To go  
20 back to that ballpark analogy? Mr. Shafi was not in the  
21 ballpark.

22 Dr. Vidino said most folks who try to get to Syria are  
23 encouraged to take an indirect route. That is a "tactical  
24 mistake" to travel directly to Istanbul. But what did  
25 Mr. Shafi do? He traveled directly to Istanbul. He tried to



1 travel directly to Istanbul.

2 Dr. Vidino said people who want to join groups like  
3 al-Nusrah Front rely on encrypted communications. They go from  
4 open platforms to more encrypted platforms. And he talked  
5 about Telegram and KIK. Talked about Twitter. And that in  
6 their own research center they have folks who are monitoring  
7 these programs and these Telegram channels and Twitter feed.  
8 There's no evidence at all that Mr. Shafi had Telegram on his  
9 phone, that he had KIK, that he had a Twitter account, nothing.

10 Dr. Vidino says people who try to get into Syria do  
11 research about how to get there before they go. Well, we've  
12 already talked about that. Mr. Shafi did no research based on  
13 the Google and YouTube records whatsoever. Not only about  
14 Syria, but about al-Joulani or the al-Nusrah Front at all in  
15 2015.

16 There's a search in May 2015 for Gaziantep. But as  
17 Dr. Vidino himself said, Gaziantep's a city with a large  
18 refugee population. If you care with Syrian refugees, you  
19 would care about Gaziantep. You'd be seeing what was going on  
20 there. And again, there's no searches for Idlib, either.

21 And this now brings me -- I'm wrapping up. But I think  
22 the most important thing that Dr. Vidino said, Dr. Vidino said  
23 anyone who wants to actually join ISIS or the al-Nusrah Front  
24 has to get vetted. They have to have a connection to the  
25 group. Dr. Vidino's own words were we can't just show up there

1 and get into the group. You can't just show up and want to be  
2 a member.

3 He talked about three classes of travelers. And this is  
4 something that Mr. Hasib did not mention in his closing  
5 argument. Talked about first class travelers, business class  
6 travelers, and economy travelers. He said first class  
7 travelers are very small subset of folks, people with deep and  
8 intensive connections to the terrorist organization. And with  
9 respect to the al-Nusrah Front, Dr. Vidino said there's only a  
10 handful of people who have that level of connection in the  
11 United States. Obviously, Mr. Shafi is not a first class  
12 traveler.

13 Then Dr. Vidino talked about business class travelers. He  
14 said a business class traveler is someone who makes connections  
15 to the group before they leave the United States and makes some  
16 sort of contact. And then once they get abroad, use those  
17 contacts to make their way down into the territory where these  
18 groups operate. And again, there's been no evidence whatsoever  
19 that Mr. Shafi had any contact with anybody of that nature, of  
20 any member of one of these groups, al-Nusrah Front, ISIS, you  
21 name it. No contact whatsoever.

22 So that brings me to economy class. Now, economy class  
23 travelers are travelers who have no contacts in the  
24 United States when they leave and hope to establish their  
25 contact they get to Istanbul. And Dr. Vidino testified -- and

1 he's the expert, he knows more about this than I do, he's the  
2 expert -- he testified about the two things that economy class  
3 travelers need in order to link up to a member, to link up to  
4 the group if they're going to travel this way.

5 You need street smarts and you need to get lucky.

6 Now, he testified that that's true for ISIS and the  
7 al-Nusrah Front. And he testified that ISIS is more open and  
8 more permissive in who it takes than the al-Nusrah Front.

9 Al-Nusrah is more conservative, more deliberate. It's much  
10 smaller. He testified about 5,000 members in 2015, whereas  
11 ISIS had over, I think, 20 or 30 thousand members.

12 And Dr. Vidino testified that even if you go through the  
13 vetting process, that doesn't guarantee that you will become a  
14 member of the group. And what happens to those folks? They  
15 get killed.

16 Getting lucky is not a substantial step. Getting lucky  
17 doesn't mean that the crime will take place unless interrupted  
18 by independent circumstances. Getting lucky is not proof  
19 beyond a reasonable doubt.

20 Finally, Judge Orrick instructed you that you can consider  
21 Mr. Shafi's 2014 trip as it relates -- or, what it says for  
22 Mr. Shafi's intent, his preparation, and his plan. That trip  
23 in 2014, we saw what happened. He was there for two days, he  
24 did some sightseeing, he didn't join a group, and he came home.  
25 You can infer, you can draw whatever conclusions you want to

1 draw from that, but it suggests that there's no -- it hasn't  
2 been proven beyond a reasonable doubt that in 2015 this crime  
3 was going to take place, Mr. Shafi was going to place himself  
4 under the direction and control of the al-Nusrah Front but for  
5 the FBI agents at SFO on June 30.

6 In the end, what's clear, what's been proven beyond a  
7 reasonable doubt, is that Mr. Shafi is a confused young man.  
8 He's uncertain about his calling, his purpose, his destiny.  
9 The easy explanation is not always the correct one. The sun  
10 doesn't wake up. Mr. Shafi didn't attempt to provide himself  
11 to work under the direction and control of the al-Nusrah Front.  
12 The government's efforts to pick and choose snippets of data to  
13 take them out of context is not enough to carry its burden of  
14 proof beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr. Shafi had the intent  
15 to place himself under the direction and control of the  
16 al-Nusrah Front.

17 The idea that Mr. Shafi would have to get lucky if he made  
18 it to Turkey in order to have a contact with the group and be  
19 vetted, means that the government hasn't proven beyond a  
20 reasonable doubt that the completed crime would have taken  
21 place but for the actions of the FBI.

22 We should demand more before we brand young American  
23 citizens as terrorists (indicating). We should demand more  
24 than 1.5 percent of Google searches. We should demand more  
25 than thinking somebody has to get lucky in order to link up

1 with a group. We should demand more than one conversation and  
2 one phone call on one day.

3 When you look at the full picture, when you look at all  
4 the evidence, when you listen to all the phone calls, when you  
5 review all the Google data, when you review all the YouTube  
6 data, there's only one verdict that is supported by the  
7 evidence and by the lack of evidence. And that is that  
8 Mr. Shafi is not guilty.

9 Thank you.

10 **THE COURT:** Thank you, Mr. Fakhoury. Ms. LaPunzina?

11 **MS. LaPUNZINA:** It's the government's burden of proof,  
12 ladies and gentlemen, and we embrace that burden of proof.  
13 Because it's our burden, we have the opportunity to speak to  
14 you last right now. And I have to admit it's hard to resist  
15 the urge not to respond to everything you just heard from  
16 Mr. Fakhoury. I'm not going to do it. We're not going to be  
17 here much longer. But I am going to address some of the points  
18 that he just made and bring you back to some of the points that  
19 Mr. Hasib made.

20 We're not asking you to brand the defendant a terrorist.  
21 That is not your job here as jurors. Your role here as jurors  
22 is to weigh the evidence, to look at it thoroughly. Every  
23 exhibit that has been entered into evidence is available to you  
24 in the jury room and we encourage you to look at all of it.

25 You are being asked as jurors to decide whether or not

1 there is proof beyond a reasonable doubt that Adam Shafi  
2 attempted to provide material support in the form of himself to  
3 the al-Nusrah Front in June of 2015. That is what you are  
4 being asked to do. Not to label him anything, but just to  
5 weigh the evidence -- look at his actions, look at his words,  
6 look at the law -- and decide whether or not the government has  
7 met its burden and has proven beyond a reasonable doubt that  
8 what he attempted to do that day on June 30, 2015, was to board  
9 that Turkish Airlines flight to go to Turkey because Turkey is  
10 the entry point into Syria.

11 You've heard that testimony, you've seen it on the map.  
12 That's how you get there. Nobody's flying direct into Idlib or  
13 into any other city in Syria. You're crossing a border. And  
14 you've heard a lot about searches about crossing borders.

15 Mr. Fakhoury's right. The timeline, which is not in  
16 evidence -- he spent a lot of time talking about it but you  
17 won't have it -- but nevertheless I'll spend another minute  
18 talking about it.

19 If it actually had covered all the Google, YouTube,  
20 pictures, emails, everything in the record, we would still be  
21 here listening to testimony on that timeline. But as  
22 Mr. Fakhoury showed you, by lifting it up, it's there, it's  
23 thick. Take a look at it.

24 And what's interesting about it is that there are,  
25 basically, no searches in there for doing any volunteer work

1 for refugees. Might have had some searches on how to donate  
2 money. You saw him donate some money. He dropped more at the  
3 Apple store in one day than all the money he every donated.  
4 But there are no searches there on how to join a refugee camp,  
5 how to help refugees in Turkey or Syria when he gets to the  
6 border. That's not what he was going to the airport for on  
7 June 30, 2015. You don't need more evidence about what he was  
8 doing that day. The record is already pretty clear. It's  
9 clear beyond a reasonable doubt, in fact.

10 The defendant listened to the two-hour-long interview of  
11 al-Joulani, the *emir* of the al-Nusrah Front. The records will  
12 show you, if you go look at them, that he watched those two  
13 hours. And, basically, within about 20 minutes, he calls his  
14 buddy up and he talks to him. He says, I just watched this two  
15 hours and I'm just in love with this man. And he recounts what  
16 the interview was about; the interview clearly stating that  
17 al-Nusrah Front is a designated foreign terrorist organization,  
18 talks about its tactics, its goals. It's a more deliberate  
19 terrorist group. It's not just killing everybody, Muslims or  
20 not. It's more focused about how it's going -- that's what he  
21 likes about it.

22 He finally has clarity. He doesn't need to do any more  
23 searches about it. He knows what he wants to go do. It is  
24 clear to him at that point. So that's right; there are no  
25 YouTube or Google searches after that point. The call was at

1 2:45 in the morning. But if you compare that call to some of  
2 the other calls that you have in evidence, there's tremendous  
3 clarity in that call. It is the middle of the night for him  
4 but he has -- he has finally understood what he is meant to do  
5 and he's actually quite animated, quite clear. His buddy is  
6 somewhat asleep because it's 5:00 in the morning in  
7 Pennsylvania. He's not expecting to have this call. He's  
8 there trying to meet his bride-to-be and he's woken up in the  
9 middle of the night to hear this call about how tremendous  
10 al-Joulani is. Al-Nusrah Front, this is it.

11 That's the evidence that you have before you, ladies and  
12 gentlemen.

13 Mr. Fakhoury talked about a variety of other searches he  
14 had done, how to get different jobs, a whole variety of  
15 different things. And that's true. Again, look through all  
16 the records. But ultimately, what is the one and only thing  
17 that he did? The one and only thing that Adam Shafi did was  
18 buy that ticket. He had a dream that if he found his passport  
19 it was meant to be. He found his passport. He bought the  
20 ticket the day before he was going to go to Turkey to join  
21 al-Nusrah Front in Syria.

22 That is actually the only thing he took action on. He's a  
23 lot of talk. But when it came to the one thing that he had  
24 clear focus about, after that interview he decided between all  
25 the groups that they had been talking about -- was he going to



1 go to Burma? Was he going to another country? What was he  
2 going to do? He found his calling. And the one thing he took  
3 action on was to buy that ticket, to go to the airport, to not  
4 listen to any warnings that he heard that maybe he wasn't  
5 supposed to go. You know, thinking his parents are calling him  
6 over the loud speaker. He is not going to let anybody  
7 interrupt him at that point. He is going to get on that plane.

8 And the only reason he didn't get on that plane is because  
9 the FBI pulled him off and they didn't let him go. And he  
10 was -- it's true, he's been totally compliant with law  
11 enforcement. But as you hear in his call while he's on BART,  
12 are you really going to tell law enforcement that you were  
13 about to commit a crime?

14 But we have those calls. You can hear his calls. You  
15 know what he was really thinking compared to what he actually  
16 told law enforcement. And what's even more indicative of it is  
17 notwithstanding lying to law enforcement, telling his buddy of  
18 course he's not going to tell the truth, he's not going to tell  
19 them he's trying to join a terrorist organization, he then  
20 says, Nothing's going to stop me. I'm going.

21 So he has now had a law enforcement encounter in 2014,  
22 he's had an extensive law enforcement encounter on June 30,  
23 2015. And even after that he is still committed to going.  
24 Nothing is going to stop him.

25 Now, the defense has focused on whether or not the calls

1 indicate that he was going to join al-Nusrah Front, that he's  
2 all over the place. That he's confused, he's not focused.  
3 There's no confusion in his mind. Listen to the calls. He's  
4 clearly focused. He believes in al-Joulani. He believes in  
5 al-Nusrah Front's mission. He believes in their tactics. He  
6 believes in the fact that they're more focused about how they  
7 are committing their terrorist acts.

8 He thinks about other things that he may do, the pressures  
9 of his family, maybe he needs to find a job, he needs to go to  
10 school. He's certainly not confused about providing aid,  
11 because there's nothing to support that. There's no confusion  
12 whatsoever when he packs his bag and he goes to the airport.  
13 He presents his U.S. passout, he gets in line, and he's ready  
14 to go.

15 He had a dream that it was time to go. He found his  
16 passport. This is what he had been told to do and that is what  
17 he was going to do. He was going to fulfill his obligation, as  
18 Dr. Vidino said, this sixth pillar, that *jihadists* have -- view  
19 of Islam's sixth pillar. It's not a religious pillar, it's  
20 their *jihadist* pillar.

21 He was going to go fulfill his obligation. He is a  
22 religious man. You certainly heard lots of evidence about  
23 that.

24 But what was his commitment to do? His commitment was to  
25 defend Muslims. And how was he going to defend Muslims? He's

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1 not just going to help them. Helping them might have been part  
2 of it. Again, not in refugee camps, not in providing all of  
3 his assets or doing work for them. He might have been going to  
4 help them when he went to Syria.

5 But how was he really going to help them? By fighting for  
6 them. By supporting the mission, working for the al-Nusrah  
7 Front in Syria, doing what they are doing there. Why did he  
8 care about what their targets were or how they committed their  
9 acts? Because he wanted to do it with them. Otherwise, why  
10 would he care to even know what they were? He supported their  
11 mission, he supported their tactics and all of their goals.  
12 And he was going to do it with violence. Not with charity, but  
13 with violence.

14 (Audio was played but not reported.)

15 **MS. LaPUNZINA:** He's not talking about his blood,  
16 ladies and gentlemen. He's talking about having other people's  
17 blood in his books so that he can face Allah.

18 That's the evidence that you've heard in this case, ladies  
19 and gentlemen. Again, you have the exhibits with you, and  
20 please take your time to go through them.

21 We ask that you return the only verdict that is supported  
22 by the evidence in this case, that you find the defendant  
23 guilty of the crime with which he is charged. Thank you for  
24 your attention.  
25

**JURY INSTRUCTIONS****CONTINUING JURY INSTRUCTIONS**

**THE COURT:** All right, ladies and gentlemen. The closing statements are now done here. The final jury instructions.

When you begin your deliberations, select one member of the jury as your foreperson who will preside over your deliberations and speak for you here in court. You will then discuss the case with your fellow jurors to reach agreement if you can do so. Your verdict, whether guilty or not guilty, must be unanimous. Each of you must decide the case for yourself, but you should do so only after you've considered all the evidence, discussed it fully with the other jurors, and listened to the views of your fellow jurors. Do not be afraid to change your opinion if the discussion persuades you that you should, but do not come to a decision simply because other jurors think it's right.

It's important that you attempt to reach a unanimous verdict but, of course, only if each of you can do so after having made your own conscientious decision. Do not change an honest belief about the weight and effect of the evidence simply to reach a verdict.

Perform these duties fairly and impartially. Do not allow personal likes or dislikes, sympathy, prejudice, fear, or public opinion, to influence you. You should also not be influenced by any person's race, color, religion, national

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1 ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, profession, occupation,  
2 economic circumstances, or position in life or in the  
3 community.

4 It is your duty as jurors to consult with one another and  
5 to deliberate with one another with a view towards reaching an  
6 agreement if you can do so. During your deliberations you  
7 should not hesitate to re-examine your own views and change  
8 your opinion if you become persuaded that it's wrong.

9 Because you must base your verdict only on the evidence  
10 received in the case and on these instructions, I remind you  
11 that you must not be exposed to any other information about the  
12 case or the issues it involves. Except for discussing the case  
13 with your fellow jurors during your deliberations, do not  
14 communicate with anyone in any way and do not let anyone else  
15 communicate with you in any way about the merits of the case or  
16 anything to do with it.

17 This includes discussing the case in person, in writing,  
18 by phone or electronic means, via email, text messaging, or any  
19 internet chat room, blog, website or other feature. This  
20 applies to communicating with your family members, your  
21 employer, the media or press, and the people involved in the  
22 trial. If you are asked or approached in any way about your  
23 jury service or anything about this case, you must respond that  
24 you've been ordered not to discuss the matter and to report the  
25 contact to the Court.

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1 Do not read, watch or listen to any news or media accounts  
2 or commentary about the case or anything to do with it. Do not  
3 do any research such as consulting dictionaries, searching the  
4 internet or using other reference materials. And do not make  
5 any investigation or in any other way try to learn about the  
6 case on your own.

7 The law requires these restrictions to ensure the parties  
8 have a fair trial based on the same evidence that each party  
9 has had an opportunity to address. A juror who violates these  
10 restrictions jeopardizes the fairness of these proceedings. If  
11 any juror is exposed to any outside information, please notify  
12 the Court immediately.

13 Some of you have taken notes during the trial. Whether or  
14 not you took notes, you should rely on your own memory of what  
15 was said. Notes are only to assist your memory. You should  
16 not be overly influenced by your notes or those of your fellow  
17 jurors.

18 The punishment provided by law for this crime is for the  
19 Court to decide. You may not consider punishment in deciding  
20 whether the government has proved its case against the  
21 defendant beyond a reasonable doubt.

22 A verdict form has been prepared for you. After you have  
23 reached unanimous agreement on a verdict, your foreperson  
24 should complete the verdict form according to your  
25 deliberations, sign and date it, and advise the clerk that you

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1 are ready to return to the courtroom.

2 If it becomes necessary during your deliberations to  
3 communicate with me, you may send a note through the clerk  
4 signed by any one or more of you. No member of the jury should  
5 ever attempt to communicate with me except by a signed writing,  
6 and I will respond to the jury concerning the case only in  
7 writing or here in open court.

8 If you send out a question I will consult with the lawyers  
9 before answering it, which may take some time. You may  
10 continue your deliberations while waiting for the answer to any  
11 question.

12 Remember that you are not to tell anyone, including me,  
13 how the jury stands numerically or otherwise on any question  
14 submitted to you, including the question of the guilt of the  
15 defendant until after you have reached a unanimous verdict or  
16 have been discharged.

17 Now let me add just two more things. I'm going to ask the  
18 alternates to raise their hands.

19 All right. So I am going to, at this point in the  
20 proceedings -- or, actually when everybody is released -- I'll  
21 ask you to go to the jury room, pick up your belongings. The  
22 rest of the jury should not begin deliberations until after the  
23 alternates have left. You can say good-bye.

24 And then for the alternates, you are still under the  
25 instructions of the Court until a verdict is reached.

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1 Ms. Davis will contact you in that event. But it's very  
2 important that you follow the admonitions. If one of the  
3 members of the jury has an emergency and has to be discharged,  
4 then one of you will step in, the deliberations will start  
5 anew. So it's just very important that you continue to follow  
6 the admonitions. Don't do any research, don't talk about the  
7 case. You're still under those instructions.

8 And then the second thing is the time of the  
9 deliberations. So we've been running on a clock of 8 to 1. It  
10 will be up to the jury to decide what times you deliberate. I  
11 encourage people to deliberate all day, but I know that you  
12 have made plans based on the schedule that we have. It will be  
13 up to you to decide what you do today and tomorrow. And  
14 Ms. Davis will inquire as to what you've chosen to do.

15 On Friday, if you are still deliberating, deliberations  
16 will need to stop at 2. And there will not be deliberations on  
17 Monday. And the reason for that is that I will not be around.  
18 So that's the basis of that.

19 So with that, I'm going to ask Ms. Davis to lead you into  
20 the jury room, and thank you very much.

21 (The following proceedings were held in open court, outside the  
22 presence of the jury:)

23 **THE COURT:** All right. Please be seated, everybody.

24 So usually I tell the lawyers that they need to be within  
25 15 minutes of the courthouse. I think that's not a problem.



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1 And aside from that, is there anything else that we ought to  
2 take up before we go? We will let you know -- as soon as we  
3 know what the schedule is we'll let you know.

4 **MR. FAKHOURY:** We don't have anything else to bring  
5 up, Your Honor.

6 **MR. HASIB:** We'll leave phone numbers with Ms. Davis?

7 **THE COURT:** The best way to contact you is what she'll  
8 need.

9 **MR. HASIB:** Okay.

10 **THE COURT:** All right.

11 **MR. FAKHOURY:** Thank you, Your Honor.

12 **MR. HASIB:** Thank you.

13 **THE COURT:** Thanks very much.

14 (Court adjourned at 12:55 p.m.)

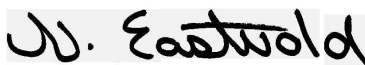
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I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript  
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